

**Members Present:** Berta Adams, Cecil DeLorme, Harvey Ferrelle, Amy Lanier, Henry Levy, Mary McCracken, Walter Parker, Freda Rutherford, Wick Searcy, Harry Spirides, and John Wylly

**Members Absent:** Jimmy Burke, Helen Downing, Lou Off, Mark Smith, Bill Sprague, and Greg Stoeffler (E)

**Visitors / Ex-Officios Present:** Burt Moore – COE, Hampton Spradley – COE, Sonny Emmert, DNR, Kevin Haas – GA Tech, Paul Wolff – Council Member, Diane Schleicher, City Manager

**CALL TO ORDER (*Agenda Item 1*):**

Amy Lanier called the meeting to order.

**ATTENDANCE AND GUESTS (*Agenda Item 2*):**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES (*Agenda Item 3*):**

Wick Searcy motioned to approve the minutes from September. Berta seconded. All approved.

**ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT (*Agenda Item 4*):**

(COE Actions & Status sheet provided separately)

1) Tybee Coastal Zone Management Implementation:

- a. A letter concerning CZM compliance issues has been signed by the Colonel. It will be mailed to Susan Shipman, GaDNR. Hamp will email Diane Schleicher a pdf copy of the letter. Diane will email all the members of the Task Force.

2) Channel Impact Feasibility Study:

- a. No change – No FY09 CRA funds will be available to conduct the Study during the CRA period which is currently expected to last thru March 2009.
- b. A complete scope of work for the Feasibility Study has not been developed nor a total cost estimate and/or schedule has been finalized or agreed upon.
- c. 50/50 cost share – 50% Federal and 50% Non-federal – 2 to 3 years to complete at an estimated cost of 1 million dollars.

3) Tybee Island Shore Protection: Renourishment Update...

- a. The Ground Breaking Ceremony, Monday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, 10:30 AM
  - i. Speakers: Mayor Buelterman, Colonel, Congressman Kingston, Pete Liakakis, and Representative Eric Johnson.
  - ii. Diane to check to see if Burke Day and Pat Farrell want to speak.
  - iii. Ceremonial events need to be agreed on – Shovels, Project Sign, the Crab, etc.
  - iv. Brannyn is in charge of the ceremony – podium, sound system, etc
  - v. Joe is placing the mobi-matts.
  - vi. COE is bringing the programs (150 or so) – Welcome, Speakers, Sand Throwing, Closing Remarks
  - vii. RSVP list is being kept by the City – COE needs a copy of the list.
- b. Dredge has arrived and sand is being pumped on the beach.
- c. Pumping should take approximately 8 weeks providing all goes well.

- d. Public Relations –
  - i. Marquee at city hall to be used for current project area on a daily basis.
  - ii. Pamphlets are available.
- 4) Jasper County Terminal Development
  - a. Land transfer completed.
  - b. AE to be selected to oversee the development.
  - c. Corps to be funded for updating Dredge Material Management Plan to determine the long range impacts.
  - d. Tybee Island should be part of the long range plans. It was decided that Tybee should send a letter to the Jasper Joint Project Office.  
Walter Parker made a motion to ask the Mayor and Council through the City Manager to request that Tybee be considered in any of the planning of the combined Georgia/South Carolina Jasper Port. Harvey Ferrelle seconded the motion. Motion approved.
- 5) Brunswick Harbor Deepening
  - a. Andrews Island Dike Raising and it is locked until bid protest is evaluated.
- 6) Jekyll Island Section 111 Project
  - a. Mirrored image project of the Channel Impact Study done in Savannah. Looking at the impact of the Federal Brunswick Harbor on Jekyll Island under a Section 111. They can do a Section 111 because it is a Federal Channel on a Non-Federal Project.
- 7) Savannah Channel Maintenance
  - a. Dredge work is completed in front of the Coast Guard Station at Fort Pulaski.
  - b. New Inter Harbor Maintenance Channel is under review.
  - c. Entrance Contract bids were opened yesterday and under review.
  - d. Inter-coastal Waterway Contract is being re-packaged and re-bid.
- 8) Savannah Harbor Expansion
  - a. The AFB (Alternative Formulation Briefing) was completed on August 27<sup>th</sup>.
  - b. Record of AFB comments and how they will be resolved.
  - c. Six month delay.

**TYBEE RE-NOURISHMENT PROJECT: UPDATE (Agenda Item 5):**

Covered under the Corps Actions and Status Report

**FUNDS FROM 2008 NOURISHMENT PROJECT; 2009 BUDGET (Agenda Item 6):****OLD BUSINESS – Sea Wall Survey, LNG, Committees, Field Trip (Agenda Item 7):**

- 1) Sea Wall: Olsen and Associates have been surveying the area. (Derelict structures) should be removed within a year of the re-nourishment. Estimated cost to remove them - \$300,000.
- 2) LNG Ceremony ongoing
  - a. City Council has established Byers for the dune crossover to be built and dedicated.
    - i. Staff placed on hold because nearby property owners wanted access to Byers Street. Nothing has been done with the road opening and so the staff is now moving forward with a permit from DNR to establish a pedestrian crosswalk over the marsh and the main dune crossover.
    - ii. Project to begin this winter once a permit is obtained.

- 3) Committees:
- 4) Field Trip: Mayor is working on this. BTF members will visit Sea Island, Jekyll Island, and the Brunswick area

**NEW BUSINESS - Beach Monitoring Contract Specifications (*Agenda Item 9*):**

- 1) Beach Monitoring - Berta suggested Diane talk with Erik about the monitoring.
  - a. Find out what monitoring we need to meet the obligation under the re-nourishment agreement.
  - b. Separate component: adding the North Beach so a data base can be built for the application for the enclosure of the North Beach into the Shore Protection Plan.
- 2) RFP with the above two components so a separate cost can be established.
- 3) Post Re-nourishment Survey – Asbuilts will be given at the end of the re-nourishment. This can be a base line for monitoring. Agreement is annually.
- 4) Freda suggested aerial photographs and checking into that possibility.

**OTHER:**

There was discussion on earmark and pork and the difference in the terms.

Freda requested for this to be placed on next month's agenda – Volunteer from the BTF to write a column for the Tybee News.

**MEETING ADJOURNED (*Agenda Item 9*):**