I. Call Meeting To Order
   The meeting was called to order at 9:03 a.m.

II. Pledge Of Allegiance
    The pledge was recited by those present.

III. Roll Call And Declaration Of A Quorum

   **Committee Members in Attendance:** Jason Worthen, Marty Fluke, Ben Ritt, Craig Vance, Jerry Mohn, Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch, Peggy Zahler, Kris Benson, Ron Gwin, Marie Robb (arrived at 9:04 a.m.) Eric Tucker, Kelli McClure, Hal Needham

   **Resource Members in Attendance:** Allison Buchtien, Ellis Pickett, Rob Randall

   **Staff Present:** Reuben Trevino, Lauren Novack, Bianca Broman

IV. Conflict Of Interest Declarations
    Kris Benson let is be known that if the committee would be taking action on anything related to Artist Boat he would have to abstain. Marty Fluke said that they would not be and that he would be fine to participate.

V. Requests To Address The Committee
   There were no requests to address the committee.

VI. Discuss And Consider Approval Of Meeting Minutes

   The meeting minutes from the November meeting were not included in the January agenda. Jason Worthen recommended this item be tabled until the February meeting when both November and January meeting minutes would be approved.

   **Motion:** Marty Fluke motioned to approve tabling the minutes until the February meeting.

   **2nd:** Jerry Mohn

   **Vote:** All approved, no opposed (13-0)

VII. Artist Boat Progress To Date And Goals For Growth (Amanda Rinehart, 10 Minutes)
Amanda Rinehart was unable to attend. Artist Boat Executive Director Karla Klay presented.

Artist Boat gave a brief presentation on their current progress with Bucket Brigade Beach Tours, Beautify the Bucket and World Ocean Day Festival, the opening of the bird observatory on Stewart Road and the 690 acres acquired for their future projects as well as moving into their new location.

Karla also touched on several of Artist Boats goals for growth by taking on several key items from Galveston Tourism Market Research: Findings and Insights from October 2019.

Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch recommended that the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee become more involved with volunteering as a group for one of the many projects they support. It was agreed that World Oceans Day would be their volunteer project and that Bianca Broman would be the point of contact for that effort.

VIII. Discussion On Park Board Of Trustees Of The City Of Galveston 2020 Federal Legislative Agenda (Reuben Trevino, 15 Minutes)

Reuben Trevino presented the Park Board’s Federal Legislative Agenda which includes Federal Engagement in Beach Management, Coastal Restoration, Tourism Promotion, National Flood Insurance Program and Infrastructure Investment.

Rhonda Gregg-Hirsch asked if there was another avenue to get to GOMESA funding. It was explained by Reuben Trevino that unfortunately there is not and that the real issue is the was the allocation of those funds falls. It was recommended by Peggy Zahler that possible involvement from the County Commissioner could be extremely beneficial.

Kelli McClure asked about making changes to the National Flood Insurance Program to include wind but it was explained to her that that was not an option.

Reuben Trevino will recommend the language for consideration of the board.

IX. Discussion On Existing Environmental Education Activities And Opportunities On Galveston Island (Reuben Trevino, 15 Minutes)

Reuben Trevino will be bringing a different item up to the committee at several of the upcoming committee meetings concerning the environmental education activities. This information will be collected to create a bigger picture at the end of the year of all of the educational opportunities available.

The worksheet included in the agenda packet for the environmental information includes the names of the activity and its location, sensitive nature areas near Stewart Beach and/or East Beach, Environmental Interpretation Centre or similar permanent public environmental education place on Galveston Island, where we display information on our local ecosystems and/or sensitive environmental elements, rules for those areas and what local conservation groups are involved.

X. Review Seaweed Program Updates And Upcoming Deadlines (Bianca Broman, 15 Minutes)

Bianca Broman gave an update on the Park Board’s Seaweed Maintenance Programs. She has hosted 3 informational HOA/POA meetings for the self provider program. Most associations are focused on receiving their City of Galveston Beach and Dune Permits. July 1st is the deadline to register for the HOA/POA Self-provider program this year.

The deadline for the Extreme Inundation Program has been set for February 12th. Checks were returned to associations who have opted not to participate this year.

Sea Turtle and Wildlife Certificate training sessions with Dr. Tasha Mets will be held Friday, February 28th from 1-3 p.m. This event is open to the public and for a $50 first time fee or a $40 certificate renewal fee.
You can reserve your spot in the training by contacting Bianca Broman.

XI. Update On Gator Wrap For Coastal Zone Seawall Crew (Bianca Broman, 5 Minutes)

Images of the wrap for the Coastal Zone Management's John Deere gator were shown.

This project was recommended by Marty Fluke to help give more credit to the crews working so hard on the seawall so that the public would know who was responsible for keeping their sidewalks, beaches and seawall clean.

XII. Future Agenda Items

- World Oceans Day - BMAC Volunteer project
- November and January meeting minutes for approval
- Environmental Education updates
- possible Seaweed Program updates

XIII. Announcements

- Introduction of several new members
- Environmental Education opportunities - send to Reuben or Bianca
- possible hurricane education class by Hal Needham
- Tourism Summit
- ASBPA Member of the Year - Reuben Trevino

XIV. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 a.m.