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Galveston Park Board Update: May 21, 2019

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regular meeting at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, May 21 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Board of Trustees Approves Submission of Three Coastal Erosion Grants

At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved the submission of three projects for Coastal Erosion Planning and Response Act (CEPRA) grant funding. They include the continued nourishment of Babe's Beach in 2021 and 2023, a sand-mining pilot project that will capture sand for redistribution to eroding areas in Galveston, and the re-engineering and design of Eight Mile Road to provide shoreline stabilization along the beach.

Board Hears First Reading of Proposed Sand Dollar By-Law Amendment

On Tuesday, the Park Board heard the first reading of a proposal to change the by-law that designates a portion of beach user fees to beach nourishment projects. The proposal would eliminate designating the funds for nourishment and would instead allocate the funds to improve the beach parks from where the fees are collected. The proposal is expected to be voted on following the second reading, which is anticipated to take place during the June meeting.

Announcements

- On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$58,000 proposal with Galveston based JW Hauling LLC for the demolition of a Park Board warehouse located at 2507 Postoffice St. The building is in disrepair and presents a safety hazard. The building will be demolished down to the slab and a new metal building will be erected in its place.
- At its meeting Tuesday, the Park Board approved paying off the \$2,500,000 loan used to fund a portion of the Babe's Beach nourishment project in 2017. The estimated payoff for October 2020 is \$1,619,000. Funds will come from reserves.
- On Tuesday, the Park Board approved a \$15,000 contract with Galveston based Roberts Air, LLC for the purchase and installation of a new 10-ton air conditioning unit for Beach Patrol at the Stewart Beach Pavilion.

About the Park Board of Trustees

The Park Board of Trustees oversees beach maintenance and tourism development on Galveston Island, including operations for beach cleaning, the Galveston Island Beach Patrol and the Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau. For more information on the Park Board of Trustees, please visit www.galvestonparkboard.org.