Mission-Aransas NERR Reserve Advisory Board Meeting

University of Texas Marine Science Institute
Port Aransas, Texas
August 1, 2006
11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Purpose: Organize RAB and to brief RAB on the MANERR operational and construction plans for 2006/2007

Meeting lead: Paul Montagna

Presentations: Briefing on the MANERR operational and construction plans for 2006/2007 by Paul Montagna.

Action items: 1) Mark calendars for RAB meeting in February. 2) Turn in committee nominations to Sally by September.

Decisions made: Establish a quorum. Vote 1) Felix Keeley elected as RAB chairman. *Ed Hegen informally volunteered as Vice Chairman.* Vote 2) The following terms (in years) for RAB were approved: Ray Allen (3), Peter Boone (4), Tammy Brooks (5), Raul Cantu (3), Sally Crofutt (4), Mark Dumesnil (5), Ed Hegen (3), Felix Keeley (4), Chad Stinson (5), Paul Swacina (4), Tony Williams (3).

Attendees:

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Discussions about timing of next RAB meeting
Meeting was suggested to be held in February because biannual meetings are good time frame and February would allow for time to incorporate programmatic suggestions into 2007/2008 budget request.

Suggested Items for next meeting agenda

*Presentations*
- Summary of Research/Monitoring Program and committee meetings
- Summary of Education/Outreach Program and committee meetings
- Summary of Stewardship Program and committee meetings
  - Discussion of Coastal Development CTP workshop: review agenda and approve audience
- Summary of Construction Projects

*Decisions*
- Vote on a Vice Chairman (Ed Hegen informally volunteered in August 2006 RAB meeting).
- Should RAB create an executive board?
- Vote on long-term schedule for RAB meetings

*Action Items*
- Suggest programs for 2007/2008 budget

Discussion about CTP workshops
The topics for 2 workshops were informally discussed and approved: Human Dimension Research Plan, Coliform Bacteria Dynamics in Estuaries.

The RAB was asked for suggestions on a third workshop topic. The following topics were suggested with an over arching theme of the effects of coastal development:
- non-point and point source loadings to coastal zone
- historical projection of natural system processes to be tied in with effect of coastal development
- freshwater inflow, cedar bayou, sea grass to be tied in with effect of coastal development
- collaborating with partners to help create Aransas County master development plan (*John Jacob at Sea Grant works with coastal communities to create master plans*)
- TxDOT is working on the effect of coastal development to navigation safety, and after their guidelines are developed there will be a need for a workshop to help disseminate the guideline information.

It was informally discussed and approved that a topic for the third workshop would be coastal development. Aspects of the workshop should include the historical projections of the natural system, effects of coastal development on biological community (i.e., seagrass), effects of coastal development on anthropogenic community (i.e., navigation), development alternatives (i.e., smart growth designs).

Discussion about committees
- It was suggested and informally approved that committee membership number should be decided by coordinator.
- It was suggested and informally approved that committee agenda should be driven by action items and that the stewardship committee should have an action item to determine MANERR definition of stewardship.

Abbreviations:
ACND Aransas County Navigation District
ANWR Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
CBBEP Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
CBLT Coastal Bend Land Trust
MANERR Mission-Aransas National Estuarine Research Reserve
RAB Reserve Advisory Board
TGLO Texas General Land Office
TxDOT Texas Department of Transportation
TNC The Nature Conservancy
TPWD Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
UTMSI University of Texas Marine Science Institute