Mission-Aransas NERR Reserve Advisory Board (RAB) Meeting
Minutes

University of Texas Marine Science Institute
Port Aransas, Texas
August 19, 2008
9:00 am - 11:30 pm

Purpose:  
Objective 1: Mission-Aransas NERR staff will brief the RAB on Mission-Aransas NERR projects completed in the February 5th - August 20th timeframe.
Objective 2: RAB will provide advice to project implementation.

Meeting lead:  
Objective 1: Mission-Aransas NERR Manager, Sally Morehead
Objective 2: RAB Chairman, Felix Keeley

Handouts:  
1: Agenda for this meeting
2: Directory of RAB members and Mission-Aransas NERR staff
3: Minutes from February 4, 2008 RAB meeting
4: Powerpoint presentation for August 19, 2008 RAB meeting
5: NERR graduate research fellowship flier
6: SWMP education activity handout
7: Texas Coastal Conference 2008 flier

Presentations:  
Status of Mission-Aransas NERR by Sally Morehead.
Summary of research/monitoring program by Ed Buskey.
Summary of education/outreach program by Rick Tinnin.
Summary of stewardship program by Kiersten Madden.
Summary of coastal training program by Chad Leister.

Action items:  
1: Sally will send RAB members volunteer coordinator job announcement when it is posted.

Decisions made:  
There was no committee business brought to the floor, although there was discussion about having a NERR events instead of RAB meetings. The general consensus was that the meetings were valuable and should be continued to be held twice a year in spite of external events.
Attendees:

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Suggested Items for the next Meeting’s Agenda
1) Approve minutes from RAB meeting on 8/19/08
2) Presentations
   • Status of Mission-Aransas NERR operations and facilities (Sally Morehead and Georgia Neblett)
   • Summary of Research/Monitoring Program and committee meeting (Ed Buskey)
3) Break
4) Presentations
   • Summary of Education/Outreach Program and committee meeting (Rick Tinnin)
   • Summary of Stewardship Program and committee meeting (Kiersten Madden)
   • Summary of CTP Program and committee meeting (Chad Leister)
5) New business
6) Items to be considered for future agendas
Discussions
1. Ed Hegen commented that the flowcytobot was a perfect example of agency cooperation and should be used as an example of cooperation when in discussions with other agencies.
2. Ed Hegen suggested that biological monitoring program also incorporate coliform measurements especially in Copano Bay. Ed Buskey mentioned that was a good idea and something that could easily be addressed.

Abbreviations:
ACND    Aransas County Navigation District
ANWR    Aransas National Wildlife Refuge
CBBEP   Coastal Bend Bays & Estuaries Program
CBLT    Coastal Bend Land Trust
NERR    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