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Galveston Park Board Update: August 15, 2014

The Galveston Park Board of Trustees held its regularly scheduled meeting at 1:30 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 12 at Park Board Plaza. Below is an update of news from the boardroom.

Park Board Welcomes New Trustee Thayer Evans

On Tuesday, the Park Board welcomed Thayer Evans as its newest trustee. Evans is replacing the position left open after Dr. Craig Brown's recent election to the Galveston City Council District 2 seat. During the meeting, Park Board legal counsel Carla Cotropia provided mandatory annual Park Board training, which details proper protocol as a member of the board. The board also appointed Evans to the Beach Maintenance Advisory Committee (BMAC). Evans is a reporter for Sports Illustrated and currently resides in Galveston.

Successful Season for Park Board Managed Special Use Areas

During Tuesday's regularly scheduled meeting Galveston Island Convention & Visitors Bureau Special Events Manager Bryan Kunz presented an update on weddings and events at the Park Board's newly designated special use areas at Stewart and East Beach. Kunz reported that the special use areas have been successful in generating revenue for the organization. Since the special use areas were implemented in January, the two parks have generated \$37,131 with a total of 78 confirmed rentals and 28 tentative rentals scheduled for 2015. Applications to rent the special use areas are available at www.galvestonparkboard.org.

Board Approves Purchase of New Equipment for Beach Cleaning

The board Tuesday approved the purchase of a new 2014 Kubota tractor from Lansdowne-Moody Co. of Webster for the beach maintenance department from the beach cleaning budget. The \$33,838 Kubota tractor will cost \$7,838 after a trade-in is made for a 2010 John Deer tractor the beach maintenance department is retiring. The beach maintenance department has decided to trade in the John Deer tractor for the new Kubota equipment because it has incurred major maintenance costs in recent months.

Announcements:

- On Tuesday, the board approved a revised contract with the Texas General Land Office (GLO) for the Dellanera RV Park beach nourishment project, which was amended to increase the total estimated cost of the project by 10.9% to \$4,467,848. The beach nourishment project will include sand replenishment and dune building from 103rd Street at the end of the seawall to the west end of Dellanera RV Park. The project is expected to begin in October.
- On Tuesday, the board reviewed and discussed the proposed 2014-2015 budget for Beach Patrol.
- On Tuesday, the board approved a new contract with TLC Office Systems for two new copiers to replace the Park Board's current contract with Minolta due to poor performance and maintenance support.

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.

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