
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING: JANUARY 26, 2026

AGENDA ITEM:

DATE: 01.19.2026

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JOANNA P. WEAVER, P.E., INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: TPWD BOATING ACCESS PLANNING 2026 GRANT APPLICATION

Background:

The timber bulkhead which creates the basin to the Lighthouse Beach boat ramp is over 50 years old and in a state of deterioration. The entrance channel to this boat ramp basin silts up quickly following dredging operations. We are at this time in the process of getting bids to excavate/dredge the channel again using set aside funds for this purpose. As you know we are working with the GLO CEPR program to design a project that will restore and stabilize the sand beach area and, although once complete this project will help to lessen deposits in this channel, it doesn't directly solve the issue. We are proposing to lengthen and reinforce the rock groin on the south of the entrance channel in order to provide protection further out into deeper water.

Now that we have completed the Boating Access grant project for the Nautical Landings Breakwater, we would like to apply to TPWD for a 1st phase planning grant for the engineering and permitting for these proposed improvements to the Lighthouse Beach boat ramp basin and entrance channel.

This initial grant application is only for engineering and permitting. If approved, once this phase is complete, we will apply for construction funding and won't have to wait for next funding cycle. The grant if awarded will fund 75% of the costs.

Attached is a Resolution that must be submitted with the grant application which authorizes the submission of the application and stating that there are matching funds available. The grant is due on February 3. We are working with Urban Engineering to develop a scope and budget pricing. I should have something preliminary at Monday night's meeting. Understand at this time, if awarded we are only looking at the engineering and permitting costs. Projects funded with TPWD funds can take several years, so if successful with the grant we would be looking to budget the matching funds for construction 2 -3 years out. The matching funds would also be a good candidate to apply for Matagorda Bay Mitigation Funds.

Action Requested:

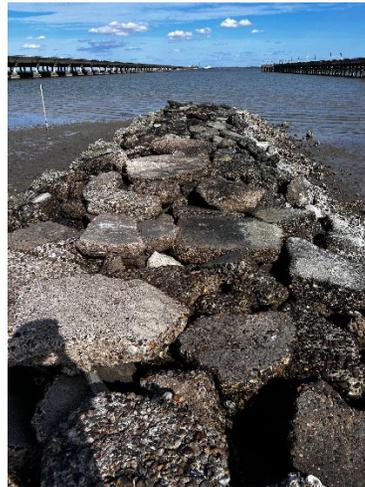
Approval of Resolution R-012626-1 Authorizing submission of a 2026 TPWD Boating Access Grant application.



A recent very low tide – timber bulkheading at LHB boat ramp basin



Timber bulkhead – east of courtesy dock



Rock groin on south side of entrance channel



Current silted in condition of entrance channel (very low tide)