
CITY OF PORT LAVACA

MEETING: MAY 21, 2024 **AGENDA ITEM** 4

DATE: 5.17.2024

TO: PORT COMMISSION BOARD MEMBERS CC: JIM RUDELLAT, HARBOR MASTER

FROM: JODY WEAVER, INTERIM CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: **CITY MANAGER'S MONTHLY REPORT**

- TPWL Grant – Renovations to the Nautical Landings Marina Breakwater

The project has been approved by the TPWD Wildlife Habitat Assessment (WHAB) and was sent back to USFWS for final approval. Kateryna Thomas, our Capital Improvement Projects and Grants Coordinator prepared and received approval of an 18-mo extension for this grant.

I have reached out to both Congressman Cloud's office and Sen. Cornyn's office asking for help to expedite this federal approval. They have both responded and are looking into the issue.

- CDBG-MIT Coastal Resilience Living Shoreline Project

Mott McDonald has submitted the USCOE permit application. Raymond Butler, Jim Rudellat and I met with the engineers on Friday to discuss options with regard to the NMFS request for fish gaps. We agreed that at least one fish gap would not be a bad idea. Although NMFS has requested gaps every 500 ft (which would require 3 gaps), we believe we can provide one protected gap and stay close to budget. Mott McDonald is preparing a response report to submit to USCOE and we'll see where that goes. To comply fully with the NMFS request, would require us to reduce the height of the breakwater to bring the cost within budget.

- ReStore (clean up of old barge(s) in Smith Harbor)

Kim Griffith is working on the Work Plan which should be submitted by the end of the month.

- CDBG-MIT Round 2 Application for use of funds (Voluntary Restoration II and Culvert replacement at the Harbor of Refuge):

There is still no news from GLO regarding the applications to use our Round 2 CDMB-MIT allocation funding.

- MBMT Grant Downtown Waterfront Public Access Improvement:

Jim and I are working with Matt on the scope of the USCOE permit application and I'll share with you a preliminary concept sketch at the meeting.