

To: Oriental Town Board

From: Debra Khouri, BRMSD Board Member

Re: The Bay River Metropolitan Sewerage District Board August Meeting held February 3, 2022

The Board gathered to wish retiring Superintendent; Chris Venters, our best wishes for his retirement. Members and employees thanked him for his leadership and service to our community over the past years. Mr. Venters retirement was effective on Feb. 1.

Superintendent Eric Harper gave us a detailed update on projects that are underway. The bulkhead on Bayboro Pond is now functionally complete with only some grading and sodding remaining to be done.

The District had a collections inspection and some minor deficiencies were noted. We need a few additions to our GIS mapping system and one alarm volume was not turned up high enough. They also wanted the spare parts inventory sheet brought up to date. All will be finished before the final report.

With funds from a Community Development Block Grant, the district has connected 26 of 29 homes and added two new homes which will bring us up to 31 connections.

The Hwy 55 project is underway to replace a 6-inch line with an 8-inch line near the car wash on Hwy. 55.

Mr. Harper also noted that it has been 12 years since the Bayboro Pond has been dredged out and that he will be adding that to our list of projects.

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No actions were taken at this meeting. Items discussed included FEMA update, an update on the Bay River System, and the board was informed of the availability of Division of Water Infrastructure Grants which will be further explored at the next meeting.

**Tree Board
Regular Meeting - Minutes
February 23, 2022**

1. Roll – Minutes
2. Old Business
 - Planting update: Harborside Nursery will have out tree order filled by February 28, 2022 (see below)
 - Pruning will be Area 1 this year.
3. New Business
 - The Arbor Day Proclamation will be presented to the Town Board at the March meeting for approval.
 - Sally will see the Town Manager about adding members to the Tree Board, including having a non-resident member.
4. Adjourn

Red Rocket: 15 gal 6' tall \$75 each x 7 \$525
 Live Oak: 7 gal 5-6' tall \$40 each x 10 \$400
 Yaupon N/A
 Fringe Tree (*Chionanthus virginicus*) 7 gal 3' tall \$35 each x 3 \$105
 Shumard Oak 15 gal 6' tall \$85 each x 4 \$340

Total: \$1,370

812 Midyette (Red rocket)	Crape myrtle	Bob	3
912 Midyette (Red rocket)	Crape myrtle	Bob	1
403 South Ave.	Yaupon	Phil	1
1100 Ragan/Lupton	Live oak	Bob	5
Vandemere/South	Live oak	Bob	2
Bogue Drive	Shumard oak	Phil	1
6047 Dolphen Rd.	Crape myrtle	Phil	1
Arbor Day	Shumard oak		1
2101 White Farm - Corbetts	Live Oak	Phil	2
104 Gull Circle	Shumard oak	Bob	2
Replace Fringe tree on First	Fringe tree		1
401 Freemason	Crape myrtle		<u>2</u>
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Tue, Mar 15, 2022

The Tourism Board meeting was held alfresco due lack of a key to Town Hall.

In attendance were: Marsh Papham, Board Chair, Suzanne Gwaltney, Sally Belangia, Mayor of Oriental, and Frank Roe, commissioner (and acting temporary secretary).

Carol Mabe has resigned as she has sold her house. Laura McDonald was proposed as a member and accepted subject to the approval of the Board of Commissioners.

Marsha reported that Oriental will be prominently featured in the Coastal Edition of Our State Magazine-June 2022. Allison Leonard of Our State continues to be supportive of Oriental and gives the Town favorable rates.

Town Wide Yard Sale is the next big event - first Saturday in May. Marsha will request posting on Town Website, Town Facebook page and on Town Dock. Planning is done and paper work is being updated.

Matt McCotter is adapting the Town Brochure to use a QR code which will direct inquiries to the New Town Website and Map. This will greatly reduce printing costs and make it easy to update Oriental Information. The Town will have a two sided "rack card" with the QR code and basic information. We enter the digital age! Same QR code will be used in all print advertisements.

Work continues on Oriental Video.

Marsh will ask to have openings for Tourism Board posted on Town Facebook page and Website.

With mosquitos being active the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Frank Roe.

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RE: Park and Recreation Monthly Meeting, March 8, 2022, 3:00pm Town Hall

Attendees: Bonnie Crosser, Commissioner Frank Roe, Butch Rasmussen, Don Mau

Discussed the following items:

1. Dog Park. Received Quote from Coastal Fence for the repairs at the Dog Park \$1,200. Adjusted item regarding budget request for 2022-2023
2. Recreation Park. Purchase Order was issued to Environment Management Consulting (Patrick Baker) for \$4,850.00. Anticipated start date of project (dependent on weather) second week of April 2022.
3. Review of 2022-2023 Budget request. Discussed adjustments of line items regarding the recent increase in transportation costs. Impact on initial Walking Trail and shipments costs for polywood chair, volley ball and pickle ball equipment. Bonnie Crosser presented Budget Request at March 10th Retreat.