

Talking Points to the Board Members:
Tell them you support TPWD & TGLO in the fight against S.T.O.R.M. and urge Them to support TPWD and TGLO if any notification of any changes to existing current laws or new law introduced in this 2014-2015 Legislative session Urge TPWD & TGLO to continue the defense of the rights of all commercial fishermen's, recreational and sports fishermen, Oyster leaseholders, and the state of Texas to own, maintain, and control the state's water bottoms and natural resources.



John Hoss



Chairman



Elected to the Commission in 2011, John Hoss is a native of Freeport, and has spent his entire life in and around the maritime industry. He is a graduate of Brazosport High School; Oklahoma State University-CEAT and School of Fire Protection and Safety Engineering.

Since 1997, he has been a principle in Freeport Launch, LP delivering supplies to ships in the region and servicing the offshore oil and seismic industry.

As a taxpayer, employer, and citizen he is devoted toward improving the area through the marine business. Since 1999 he is an active member of Brazosport Marine Advisory Team (BMAT), a group which deals with planning emergency response activities in the Brazosport harbor area.

In addition to being a Board member of BMAT, he is on the Board of the Brazosport Chamber of Commerce; Board member of K9's4Cops, a foundation which trains and donates dogs to law enforcement agencies and a member of the Brazoria County Chapter of Friends of NRA.

In his free time he enjoys hunting, competitive shooting and traveling.



Paul Kresta



Vice Chairman

Paul Kresta has served on the Port Commission since 2009 and is a life-long resident of Brazoria County. Employed by Phillips 66 for 30 years, Kresta holds the position of Shift Superintendent and for the last 20 years been in the private ranching business.

Kresta has served on the Board of the Brazoria County Fair Association for the last 25 years and served two terms as president. He also contributed 15 years to the Brazoria County Cattlemen's Association as a member of the board and served as president for two years.

Kresta, married for 25 years, has four children and enjoys volunteering, cooking, ranching, traveling and spending time with his family.



Shane Pirtle, P.E.



Secretary

Elected to the Port Commission in 2011, Shane Pirtle is currently a senior consultant with SIS-Tech Solutions. Pirtle retired from the Dow Chemical Company after 30 years of service, and also has previous managerial and professional experience at other engineering firms. He is a Registered Professional Engineer in Control Systems and is a Distinguished Alumni of Brazosport College holding an AAS and AES degree.

Pirtle served six years as mayor for the City of Lake Jackson and one year as a city council member. Among his many civic activities, Pirtle is an active board member of the Boys & Girls Club of Brazoria County, Brazoria County Economic Development Alliance, Brazosport Rotary Club, Brazosport Chamber of Commerce, Brazosport Business Roundtable, Bay Area Council Boy Scouts and BACH.

Pirtle is a resident of Lake Jackson and an active member of Christ Lutheran Church. He and his wife of 25 years, Linda, have three children and six grandchildren. In his free time Pirtle enjoys spending time with his grandchildren along with outdoor activities such as golf, hunting, fishing and camping.

Ravi K. Singhanian



Assistant Secretary



Ravi K. Singhanian has served on the Port Commission since 2007 and retired in 2003 from the position of senior vice president at BASF Corp., at the conclusion of a 35-year career with the chemical products manufacturer. Singhanian holds a master's degree in chemical engineering from the University of Illinois.

Singhanian has extensive involvement in community and educational organizations including serving as president-elect of the Brazosport Rotary Club. He is a founding member of Safety Town, Project Teach and Walk for Habitat; a vice president of the Community Foundation of Brazoria County; and past president of the Brazosport College Foundation Board. He also serves as a director of the Texas Environmental Research Consortium.

Singhanian enjoys tennis, playing cards, walking and jogging, and spending time with his two grandchildren.



A business leader in Brazoria County for more than 40 years, Bill Terry has served on the Port Commission since 2007. Terry, now retired, is the founder of VIT Inc. – a wholesale petroleum and lubricant business along the Old Brazos River – of which his youngest of four children, David, currently is president.

A 1957 graduate of Sam Houston State University, with a degree in agriculture, Terry has been a volunteer and president of numerous organizations, including the Brazoria County Fair Association and the Brazoria County Cattleman's Association. He also served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

Terry enjoys cooking for his family, which includes 13 grandchildren, as well as running his cattle operation in Brazoria. Other interests include reading and traveling.



Thomas S. "Tom" Perryman, has served on the Port Commission since 1991. A resident of Angleton, he is president of Perryman Property Investments, LLC and also serves as chairman of Clute-based First State Bank Corp. Perryman holds a bachelor's degree in business management from Texas A&M University. Perryman enjoys buying, remodeling and the selling property. He also is an avid fisherman.

TPWD RESOLUTION
GALVESTON COUNTY
JUDGE MARK HENRY

COMMISSIONER RYAN DENNARD, PCT. #1
COMMISSIONER KEVIN O'BRIEN, PCT. #2
COMMISSIONER STEPHEN HOLMES, PCT. #3
COMMISSIONER KENNETH CLARK, PCT. #4

UNANIMOUSLY PASSED NOVEMBER 10TH, 2014

*In passage of Consideration of a Resolution
Concerning the State of Texas and Texas Parks
and Wildlife Department for Waterways and
Natural Resources.*

We are requesting on behalf of The Seafood Industry and Concerned Citizens of Texas Gulf Coast throughout the Texas coastal counties to please adopt this Galveston County TPWD Resolution into your County. We are facing a critical situation. Our livelihood is in jeopardy. Please support the State, TPWD, ALL the Citizens, Seafood Industry, Commercial and recreational fisheries.

SAY "NO" TO "PRIVATIZING" STATE WATER BOTTOMS IN TEXAS.

SAY "YES" BY SUPPORTING THE TPWD RESOLUTION KEEPING "THE STATE WATER BOTTOMS PUBLIC".

Concerned Citizens of Texas Gulf Coasts link to petition:

http://chn.ge/1xHtJA4?share_id=PWuILPURoj



COUNTY OF GALVESTON

On this the 10th day of November, 2014, the Commissioners' Court of Galveston County, Texas convened in a regularly scheduled meeting with the following members thereof present:

Mark Henry, County Judge
Ryan Dennard, Commissioner, Precinct No. 1
Kevin O'Brien, Commissioner, Precinct No. 2
Stephen Holmes, Commissioner, Precinct No. 3
Kenneth Clark, Commissioner, Precinct No. 4; and
Dwight Sullivan, County Clerk

when the following proceedings, among others, were had, to-wit:

Whereas, the State of Texas controls all of its waterways, water bottoms and natural resources located on those water bottoms for the purposes of commercial and recreational fishing. The natural resources controlled by the State of Texas include but are not limited to oysters, shrimp, and fish of any kind; and

Whereas, the State of Texas has authorized the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to oversee, manage, and control the use of the state's waterways, water bottoms, and natural resources with relation to any commercial or recreation harvesting and fishing activities. Texas law dictates that individuals are allowed commercially, recreationally and privately to fish the state's natural resources with the exclusive permission and under the exclusive supervision of the State of Texas through the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; and

Whereas, commercial fishermen include oystermen, shrimpers, and fishermen of any other kind who are properly licensed under the laws of the State of Texas and who operate under the supervision and control of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department. Oysterman and entities that are properly licensed to harvest and to do business in the State of Texas have the right to privately lease, manage, control water bottoms properly leased to them by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department under the laws of the State of Texas; and

Whereas, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department has the exclusive right to issue, manage and control private oyster leases for the use of public water bottoms in the State of Texas. The State of Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have sole discretion and authority to oversee, manage, and control public safety upon Texas waterways; and

Whereas, the State of Texas and the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department have sole discretion and authority to oversee, manage, and control the Texas water bottoms and natural resources described herein in relation to commercial or recreational harvesting or fishing of any kind; and

Whereas, Navigational Districts empowered by the State of Texas were created solely for the navigational purposes described in the statutes governing said bodies. The purposes for which Navigational Districts were created do not pertain in any way to commercial, recreational or private harvesting and fishing on Texas water bottoms that are legally controlled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as authorized by the State of Texas; and

Whereas, Navigation Districts do not hold any authority to govern, manage, or control the natural resources of the State of Texas. Navigational Districts do not hold any authority to convey to a third party any authority with respect to commercial, recreational or private harvesting and fishing on Texas water bottoms that are legally controlled by the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department as authorized by the State of Texas; and


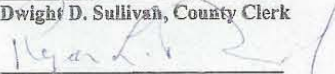

Whereas, Navigational Districts do not hold any authority to authorize the use of Texas water bottoms for the purpose of fishing or harvesting the state's natural resources; and

Whereas, the current laws of the state of Texas grant the authorities cited herein clearly, concisely, and without room for interpretation to the contrary; and

Now, Therefore, Be it Resolved, Commissioners Court of Galveston County agrees that any laws seeking to amend or to alter the existing laws of the State of Texas as they relate to the use of waterways, water bottoms, or natural resources for commercial, recreational or private harvesting and fishing are hereby rejected in full. Any laws seeking to amend or to alter the existing laws of the State of Texas for the purposes of negating or diminishing the authority of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department to oversee all commercial, recreational and private harvesting and fishing of the natural resources of the State of Texas are hereby rejected in full.

Upon Motion Duly Made and Seconded, the above Resolution was unanimously passed on this the 10th day of November, 2014.

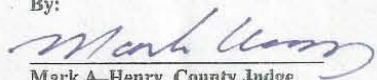


Attest:


Dwight D. Sullivan, County Clerk

Ryan L. Dennard, Comm., Pct. #1.

Kevin D. O'Brien, Comm., Pct. #2



County of Galveston, Texas

By:


Mark A. Henry, County Judge

Stephen D. Holmes, Comm., Pct. #3

Kenneth Clark, Comm., Pct. #4