

## **Highland Bayou Workgroup Meeting Notes DRAFT**

July 14th • 12:00-2:30 p.m.

Galveston County Extension Office – Classroom 2, Carbide Park  
4102-B Main Street (FM 519), La Marque, Texas 77568-4666

Steve Mikulencak (TX Coastal Watershed Program (TCWP)), Celina Lowry (TCWP), Amanda Solitro (TCWP), Valeria Rodriguez (TCWP), Charriss York (TCWP), Sarah Gossett (Galveston Bay Foundation (GBF)), Nate Johnson (GBF), Nancy Baher (Galveston County Engineering), Julie Diaz (Galveston County Parks), Tim O'Connell (Resident Stakeholder), Lee Crowder (Galveston County Road and Bridge), Charlene Warren (City of La Marque), Robert Michetich (City of La Marque), Michelle Krause (Galveston Bay Estuary Program (GBEP)), Lindsey Lippert (GBEP), Lisa Marshall (GBEP).

### **Introductions**

Steven Mikulencak and Celina Lowry introduced themselves and asked attendees to share their name and affiliation.

### **Voting Exercise Part One- Best Management Practices**

Steven read the rules to the voting exercise part 1.

The group was divided into 4 subgroups and assigned to start at one of the 4 quadrant posters placed around the room: Wastewater Treatment/Collection System/OSSF, Urbanization, Stream Flow/Hydrological Modification/Dredging, and Agriculture/Wildlife. Each group was given a total of 10 minutes in each quadrant. Participants were given 4 colored dots at each station of which they used to pick 2 projects from the quadrant they believed to be likely and 2 projects they believed to be effective. Participants were not required to use all their dots, but could not pass off their un-used dots to another participant. When the timer rang the groups rotated to the next quadrant to repeat the process.

When all groups were finished voting on the 4 quadrant posters, the votes were counted, weighted, and the top 10 were displayed at the front for use during voting exercise part 2

### **Voting Exercise Part Two- Best Management Practices**

Steven read the rules to the voting exercise part 2.

Each participant was given an envelope with different images placed on coins. Each coin had a blank on the back for the participant's initials and the project # they were voting for that was displayed as one of the top 10 projects from part 1 of the voting exercise. The coins stood for:

- Letter of Support- I would write a letter of support for this project
- Partner- I would like to partner by providing staff time, resources, publicity, or other aid.
- Lead- I would like my organization to have a leadership role.
- Thousands of dollars- If I had thousands of dollars I would love for this project to happen
- Millions of dollars- If I had millions of dollars I would love for this project to happen

Participants were reminded that all the information is for internal use only, and no personally identifying information would be shared or revealed. Using their tokens, participants read through the BMPs and put their tokens in the Voting Box when they were finished. Votes were tabulated and displayed at the front. Participants then discussed whether the results were surprising.