

## **MINUTES**

### **Beach Erosion Committee Meeting - September 2, 1999**

#### **1. Attendees:**

##### **Members:**

**Larry Keegan  
Bo Ellis  
Stuart Stevens  
William Bailey  
Bill Farmer, Chairman**

##### **Guests:**

**Charles Griffen  
Mallory Pearce**

- 2. The primary purpose of the meeting was to review a preliminary Draft of the Task Statement-Beach Erosion Study For The Savannah Harbor Expansion Project. This Task Statement, in its final form, will be the basis for a GPA contract to conduct the scientific study approved by the SEG and recommended by the SEG to the GPA.**

**Additional needed modifications to the Draft Task Statement were identified as follows:**

- A. Complete the process of incorporating the technical review comments from the Corps of Engineers into the Task Statement.**
  - B. Provide an additional paragraph indicating that towards the end of the study, an additional scope of work will be identified to fulfill the possible mitigation analysis needed to meet the SEG mission. This process parallels the process being used in other SEG approved studies, whereby initial scientific analysis is first identified, and mitigation concerns are addressed towards the end of the studies.**
- 3. Charles Griffen indicated that GPA would be prepared to authorize the contract to be accomplished by Lockwood Green through a sub-contract with ATM, immediately after the Task Statement is finalized with the above mentioned two modifications. GPA is also developing the wording to clearly and explicitly describe the process of peer participation in the Task Statement, recognizing that the most benefit from peer participation will be during the study planning and execution phases of the study. The committee recommended that the following three Peer Participants be utilized:**
- A. Erik Olsen, Olsen Associates, Inc.**
  - B. Jim Henry, Georgia Southern University.**

**C. Clark Alexander, University of Georgia, Skidaway Institute of Oceanography**

**4. The committee also reviewed a COE document titled "Memorandum For The Record", dated July 30, 1999, having a subject: "Three Studies Of Savannah Harbor O&M Dredging". It was acknowledged that the COE had initiated pre-study effort in response to the letter authored by Stuart Stevens and signed by Duane Harris addressing a needed Economic Study on O&M Dredging, which was based upon Larry Keegan's economic assessment, since a preliminary analysis had indicated that significant savings might be realized through beneficial use of dredged materials, with some O&M Dredgings being placed in the nearshore area of Tybee Island rather than having all dredged materials placed in traditional disposal sites.**

**It was noted that the COE pre-study description differed significantly from the recommended study components included in Duane Harris' letter, and that additional discussions with the COE would explore the reasons for these differences. Sufficient time was not available to explore these differences at the committee meeting.**

**5. It was concluded that the Beach Erosion Study recommended by the SEG to the GPA was being incorporated into a Task Statement by the GPA for contracting with Lockwood Green, incorporating additional clarifications and scopes of work in response to comments received from competent technical reviewers, and that the SEG should be aware of this progress. The actual scientific study is expected to be underway within the next several weeks.**