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## Governor Appoints Jerry Pennington

Gov. Bill Clements has appointed Jerome J. (Jerry) Pennington of Clear Lake to the Board of Directors of GCWDA. He replaces Dr. Charles T. Ladoulis who resigned to take a position in another state. Pennington said he is "most interested in the quality of environment and growth in Texas, Houston and, specifically, the Clear Lake/Bay Area itself."

Pennington is chairman and chief executive officer of Pennington-Chen Real Estate, and chairman and president of Pennington Commercial Real Estate. Son of Olin and Gussie Pennington, founder of the Clear

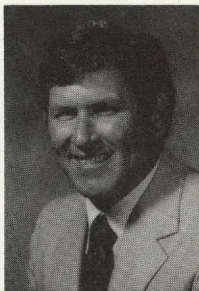
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*Judge John Wildenthal (right) completes the swearing-in of new Director Jerry Pennington.*

## Chambers County Approves Study on Landfill Compliance

Commissioners in Chambers County voted in July to approve a \$33,000 study on compliance with regulations in connection with



*Mark Schultz*

the county landfill. The contract for the study is with Gulf Coast

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## Facilities Earn AMSA Operations Awards

Gulf Coast Authority is proud to announce that seven of its operations have qualified for this year's awards for excellence in operations granted by the Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies.

Receiving gold awards for consistently meeting every National Pollution Discharge Elimination System Permit (NPDES) limit for the calendar year 1989 are:

- 40 Acre Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility**
- Alief Regional Sewage Treatment Facility**

### White Oak Bayou Central Sewage Treatment Facility

Receiving silver awards for five or fewer permit excursions were:

- Bayport Industrial Wastewater Treatment Facility**
- Blackhawk Regional Sewage Treatment Facility**
- Kleinwood Central Sewage Treatment Facility**
- Treschwig Central Sewage Treatment Facility**

## **Amendment Defines Operating Area**

An amendment to the statute defining Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority was approved in the final Special Session of the Texas Legislature and has been signed by Gov. Bill Clements.

The amendment clarifies the ability of the Authority to work both within and without its primary three county jurisdiction. The need to make this section of the statute clear came about through a proposal to assist the Texas Department of

Criminal Justice in its environmental management program.

"We have signed a letter of agreement with TDCJ to evaluate areas in which GCWDA may be of assistance," said General Manager Dick Brown. "Because the TDCJ operates throughout the state, it was necessary for the Authority to have the ability to operate wherever the prison system has a facility."

"We are working with TDCJ support staff to prepare a solid

waste management plan for their southern region facilities. This will be a comprehensive study of the solid waste needs for all prisons in the southern region," said Vance Kemler, Director, Municipal Operations. "This includes agricultural operations, industrial canning operations and the more traditional municipal solid waste needs."

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### **Jerry Pennington**

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Lake area's oldest real estate firm, he attended Clear Creek ISD schools and graduated from the University of Texas at Austin with a Bachelor of Business Administration.

He obtained his real estate sales license in 1969 and his State of Texas Real Estate Broker's license in 1971. He was top producer for Pennington-Iles Real Estate from 1971 to 1975, served as sales manager from 1975-78 and was voted a partner in 1978. In 1979 he was named president and chairman of the board. In 1983 Pennington-Iles became Pennington-Chen Real Estate.

A key figure in Clear Lake/Bay Area development, Pennington has been involved with numerous development projects. Some of those projects include the Boeing Complex in Clear Lake City, Calder Square Apartments and retail center in League City,

Hughes Court Medical Building in Dickinson and Shearson Lehman Hutton Building in Clear Lake. Current projects in the works include the Randall's Center at the entrance to South Shore Harbour and the Pineloch Retail Center.

Jerry, his wife of 18 years, Betsy, and their two sons ages 14 and 11 reside in the Brook Forest subdivision of Clear Lake.

Pennington participates in a wide array of business and civic organizations including local, state and national realtor associations. Just a few of his other past and present civic involvements are as director, Clear Lake Chamber of Commerce; director, Clear Lake Area Economic Development Foundation; director and officer, YMCA, and head coordinator for the Clear Lake Area Fundraising Space Center Houston Visitor Center Project.

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### **Landfill Compliance**

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Authority in cooperation with the engineering firm HDR of Houston and Dallas.

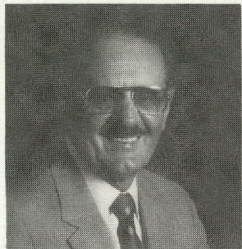
Mark Schultz, GCA Board Vice Chairman who represents Chambers County Commissioners, attended the meeting along with GCA staff.

"The Authority is charged in its statute with environmental responsibilities in Chambers, Harris and Galveston Counties," said GCA General Manager Dick Brown. "We are very pleased to be of assistance to the Commissioners Court in analyzing their needs in solid waste disposal."

He added that the staff looked forward to working with Judge Oscar Nelson, the Commissioners and County Engineer Don Brandon.

# NEWS BRIEFS

Representatives of GCWDA presented the program in July for the LaMarque Chamber of Commerce. Gail Bradley, GCA



Gail Bradley

Board Member appointed by the mayors in Galveston County; Julie Clifford, Facility Manager, Campbell Bayou Facility; and



Julie Clifford

Charles Goode, Director of Personnel, discussed the activities of the Authority.



Charles Goode

Gulf Coast Authority is joining in a statewide effort to make information on state created organizations more easily available. Effective immediately publications of the Authority will be provided to the Texas State Publications Clearinghouse.

The Clearinghouse is a unit of

the Texas State Library. It collects and distributes state government publications through the State Publications Depository Program. Copies of publications are sent to 51 State Depository Libraries.

The Clearinghouse issues a monthly checklist of Texas state

publications, produces and makes available microfiche copies. Agency publications are retained permanently in the Texas State Publications Collection at the Texas State Library. This collection currently numbers more than 180,000 publications.

## Paul Davis honored by Board



Paul Davis, longtime senior manager at GCA, resigned in July to join Sanifill, a firm engaged in solid waste management. Authority Board Chairman Dr. Frank Fisher presents Davis a plaque in recognition of his contributions to the Authority over 16 years of service.

## AMSA Celebrates 20th Anniversary

The Association of Metropolitan Sewerage Agencies (AMSA) is celebrating its 20th Anniversary.

AMSA is an association of the nation's largest publicly-owned wastewater treatment agencies. Its purpose is to assist its member agencies to achieve sound public health and environmental goals in the most efficient and cost-effective manner possible.

General Manager Dick Brown serves on the AMSA Board of Directors.

# BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

In meetings held in April, May and June the Board of Directors of Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority discussed and took action on the following matters:

The Board:

- adopted a Resolution authorizing the contract with Aztec Rental Center, Inc. for acceptance of portable toilet wastes.
- awarded contracts to haul and/or dispose of solid waste at five of the Authority's operating locations to the lowest bid contractors as listed below.

Bayport, BFI Waste Systems - \$526,350

Blackhawk, BFI Waste Systems - \$32,670

Bellaire Transfer Station, BFI Waste Systems - \$144,000

Bellaire Sewage Treatment Plant, Tricil/Laidlaw

Environmental Service - \$36,300

Mobile Sludge Dewatering Unit, Tricil/Laidlaw

Environmental Service - \$119,280

- awarded bid to Conroe Creosoting Company in the amount of \$50,415.33 for materials required to construct a wave run-up wall at the Campbell Bayou Facility.
- awarded bid to Rebel Construction in the amount of \$41,691 for labor necessary to construct the wave run-up wall at the Campbell Bayou Facility.
- awarded contract for land-filling a compacted refuse at Galveston Transfer Station to BFI, Inc. at the estimated total annual contract cost of \$591, 894.

## GULF COAST COMMENTS

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#### Harris County

Dr. Frank M. Fisher, Jr., Chairman — C  
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C — County Commissioners' Court Appointee  
M — Mayor's Council Appointee  
G — Governor's Appointee

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