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Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority  
(CPCRPA)  
Tuesday, October 4, 2022 5:00 PM  
Cameron Parish Police Jury Meeting Room  
Cameron, Louisiana

President, Kay Barnett, called the meeting to order at five o'clock PM.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Sara Judson. A moment of silent prayer or reflection followed.

Susan Mouton Initiated the roll call with the following results:

Jake McCain – Present	Kay Barnett – Present
Phillip “Scooter” Trosclair – Present	Ralph Libersat – Absent
Trevor Hair – Present	Earl Landry, Jr. - Absent
Earnestine “Tina” Horn - Present	Kalyn Partin – Absent
Sara Judson – Present	

President Barnett asked if anyone in the audience had any questions or comments for the Board. There were none.

A motion was made by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Trevor Hair, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented to the Board.

President Barnett re-iterated the meeting rules of order for the board members.

President Barnett introduced Susan Mouton, our new administrative staff, who is a Program Coordinator for the Calcasieu Parish Police Jury.

President Barnett and Susan Mouton attended the September 21, 2022 meeting of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and shared highlights from the coastal report. The report is attached.

Lisa Melancon, Program Director at the Coastal Technical Assistance Center, explained what the CTAC’s purpose is and how the center can help local businesses who would like to participate in bidding on coastal projects.

Scooter Trosclair discussed the Louisiana Wildlife Foundation NOAA Grant and the Habitat Restoration Grant.

Michelle Felterman, Project Manager for the Coastal Protection Restoration Act Board, gave an update of the coastal projects in Southwest Louisiana.

It was moved by Earnestine Horn, seconded by Sara Judson, and carried that the Treasurer’s Report as presented by Trevor Hair is hereby approved.

It was moved by Sara Judson, seconded by Scooter Trosclair, and carried the Treasurer is authorized to pay the audit invoice of \$2,568.25 to Langley Williams and Company.

President Barnett announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held at the Cooperative Extension Office, 101 N. State Street, Abbeville, LA 70510 on Tuesday, January 17, 2022 at 5:00 PM.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Trevor Hair, and carried that the meeting is adjourned.

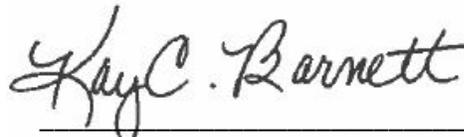
Adopted and Approved on this 4th day of October, 2022.

Attest:

Approved:



Earnestine (Tina) Horn, Secretary



Kay Barnett, President

#### **“Attachment”**

Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority

September 21, 2022, Meeting

#### **Coastal Report**

- The last CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority) board meeting was held in Baton Rouge on September 21, 2022.
- The meeting included updates on the following:
  - The CPRA Implementation Report
    - There are 100 active projects with a focus on job creation.
      - 36 in construction, 58 in E&D and 7 in planning
      - Economic Impact – inflation 15-20% increase in project costs, even up to 40%
      - Chandeleur Islands – Kemp’s ridley sea turtles
        - The rarest [species](#) of [sea turtle](#) and is the world's most [endangered](#) species of sea turtle
        - For the first time in three quarters of a century, sea turtle hatchlings have been observed on Louisiana’s Chandeleur Islands. The Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (LDWF) discovered hatchlings of the endangered Kemp’s ridley turtles in the Breton National Wildlife Refuge.
    - Corps - Colonel Cullen Jones-new District Commander in New Orleans; Colonel Steve Murphy in Tampa
  - Sediment Diversion Program- first-of-its-kind
    - Plaquemine Parish, Mid-Barataria Basin

- In the final EIS process (Environmental Impact Study)
  - LA TIG – Louisiana Trustee Implementation Group final restoration plan
    - **Monitoring and Adaptive Management (MAM) Strategy** is to outline an approach for the LA TIG to prioritize MAM activities in Louisiana for effective and efficient evaluation of the restoration of resources injured by the Deepwater Horizon (DWH) oil spill.
  
- Louisiana Community and Technical College System Workforce Development Partnership LCTCS
  - Training and certification programs for coastal protection and restoration projects
    - Federal and State funding
  - Labor force participation rate = 58.3%
  - High failure rate of drug tests – 80%
  
- Federal and Congressional Update
  - Inflation Reduction Act of 2022 provides \$2.6 billion for NOAA (National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration) funding.
  - Over \$300 Billion for deficit reduction
  
- IIJA (Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act- US Senator Bill Cassidy)
  - NOAA and USFWS grants for underserved communities
  - RISE Act of 2021 – Research Investment to Spark the Economy Act of 2022
  
- CPRA September outreach meetings have been held across the coast for Louisiana's 2023 Coastal Master Plan
  - Meeting in Lake Charles was held September 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss the Master Plan and to allow for public comments and discussions.