

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, January 17, 2023 5:00 PM
LSU Ag Center
Abbeville, 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 – Present
Trevor Hair – Present	Earl Landry, Jr. - Present
Earnestine “Tina” Horn – Absent	Kalyn Partin – Present
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 Ralph Libersat, seconded by Earl Landry, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous meeting as presented to the Board.

Katie Freer, Project Manager CPRA and Matt Melton, Engineering Manager CPRA presented a report on CS-87, Calcasieu/Sabine Marsh Hydrologic Restoration Project.

President Barnett gave the Administrative Coastal Report:

The CWPPRA Regional Planning Teams (RPT) will conduct hybrid meetings (in-person with an option for virtual participation) for presentation of project proposals to be considered for the 33rd Priority Project List (PPL 33). All proposals consistent with the state’s 2017 and/or (draft) 2023 Coastal Master Plan will be considered as possible nominees for the PPL 33 evaluation process.

The meeting in Lake Charles will be February 7th at 9:30 a.m. Location at this time is the Port of Lake Charles. We will need a representative from each parish.

CPRA will host four formal public hearings to provide coastal Louisiana residents and stakeholders an opportunity to review and comment on the 2023 DRAFT Coastal Master Plan, the Fiscal Year 2024 Annual Plan, and the 2024 Atchafalaya Basin Program Annual Plan. There are 15 projects for the Chenier Plain in the 2023 Master Plan. The hearing for our area is on February 16, 2023 at the Burton Coliseum Complex, Lake Charles. These hearings will include an open house beginning at 3:30 PM, followed by a presentation and public comment session from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM. Comments on the Plan are due to CPRA by March 25, 2023.

The State of the Coast Conference will be held May 31-June 2, 2023 in New Orleans.

Gregory Grandy, Deputy Executive Director, CPRA, is including a page in this year's annual plan about the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. They want to use some quotes from local coastal officials regarding coastal projects. Here is the information they plan to use from this board:

Southwest Louisiana's Chenier Plain is home to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge – an important ecosystem for fish and other marine species, a valuable asset for scientific research on wildlife and fisheries resources and marsh management, and the subject of over 350 peer-reviewed articles in major scientific journals. The refuge, which spans over 26 miles of Louisiana's coastline and extends six miles inland, has suffered from erosion caused by constant wave action, saltwater intrusion, and subsidence. As a result, the refuge has dwindled from 86,000 acres to 71,000 acres over the past century. Devastating storms, especially major hurricanes Laura and Delta, making landfall within the region have only sped up the land loss along its coastline. The stabilization project, completed in 2022, includes over 4.5 miles of breakwater rocks along the Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline protects the shoreline and prevents wave action from further eroding the coast. The breakwaters provide the shoreline with increased resilience and will contribute to sediment build-up and shoreline expansion. "The protection of the Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline is a much-needed investment in the future of Louisiana's communities, wildlife, industry and scientific advancement." -Kay Barnett, President, Chenier Plain Authority Rockefeller Shoreline in Cameron Parish.

It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Sara Judson, and carried that the Treasurer's Report as presented by Trevor Hair is hereby approved.

Cory Kief, President ALBL, (Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana), submitted a letter of support for Earl Landry to serve on the Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation representing the Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority.

President Barnett announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at the SEED Center in Lake Charles at 5 PM.

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

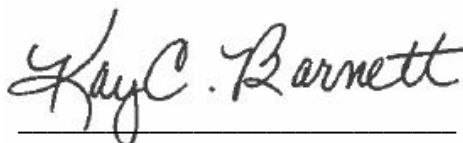
Adopted and Approved on this 17th day of January, 2023.

Attest:



Earnestine (Tina) Horn, Secretary

Approved:



Kay Barnett, President