

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, April 20, 2021
LSU Ag Center/ZOOM

President Ralph Libersat called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

President Ralph Libersat asked Laurie T. Cormier to initiate roll call:

- Present:
- Ralph Libersat - Present
- David Minton - absent
- Kay Barnett - absent
- Tina Horn- Present
- Mike Dever - Present
- Phillip Scooter Trosclair - Present
- Earl Landry, Jr. - Present
- Jake McCain- Present
- Trevor Hair - Present

Approval of the minutes of the Tuesday 1-19-2021 regular meeting:

- Tina Horn made a motion to approve the minutes of the last meeting.
- Earl Landry seconded the motion.
- No public comment; No opposition.

Presentations were heard by the board:

- Presentation by Laci Melancon, Program Coordinator, Coastal Technical Assistance Center (CTAC)
- Jerry Carroll, CPRA on Rabbit Island Completion
- Kelia Bingham/Rachel Godeaux, Acadiana Planning Commission re LWI Region 5 and Gauge Project
- Elizabeth McLaughlin- Field Representative for Rep Clay Higgins – SW Coastal Project update
- Administrative Report - Laurie Cormier

Amend the Agenda to discuss and consider actions on any new items presented by Authority.

No Motions to amend agenda to include item 9D:

Resolution to

N/A _____

_____ seconded the motion.

- No public comment; No opposition.

Business from the Audience

- None

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer Kay Barnett was absent Ralph Libersat gave the report. Balance ending March \$50,378.01 – Community Foundation of LA \$56,756.89 (see attached report)
- Tina Horn made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Phillip Trosclair seconded the motion.
- No public comment; No opposition.

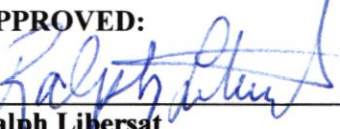
9A. Consider a motion for a resolution for the support of Funding for Phase 1 E&D from CWPPRA for Southeast Pecan Island Marsh Creation (MB) and Mud Lake South Marsh Creation (CS).

- Earl Landry Made the Motion
- Mike Dever seconded the motion.
- No public comments; No opposition.

Announcement: The next CPRPA meeting will be Tuesday, July 20, 2021 in Abbeville.

Adjournment: Tina Horn made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Earl Landry seconded the motion. No public comment; No opposition. President Ralph Libersat adjourned the meeting at 6:35 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ralph Libersat
President

CHENIER PLAINS FINANCIALS JANUARY -MARCH 2021			
CHECKING ACCOUNT			
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jan-21	\$ 51,283.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
ENDING JANUARY BALANCE		\$ 51,198.01	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Feb-21	\$51,198.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
GODADDY			
ENDING FEBRUARY BALANCE		\$51,113.01	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Mar-21	\$ 51,113.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
LANGLEY AND WILLIAMS - CPA (TAX PREPARATION)		\$ 650.00	
GODADDY			
ENDING MARCH BALANCE		\$ 50,378.01	\$ 50,378.01
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Apr-21		
CONSTANT CONTACT			
QUICKBOOKS			
ENDING APRIL BALANCE		\$ -	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	May-21		
CONSTANT CONTACT			
QUICKBOOKS			
ENDING MAY BALANCE		\$ -	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jun-21		
CONSTANT CONTACT			
QUICKBOOKS			
ENDING JUNE BALANCE		\$ -	
INVESTMENT ACCOUNT-COMMUNITY FOUNDATION OF ACADIANA			
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jan-21	\$ 56,862.16	
CFA SUPPORT FEE		\$57.95	
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		\$ 2.70	

ENDING JANUARY BALANCE		\$ 56,806.91	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Feb-21	\$ 56,806.91	
CFA SUPPORT FEE		\$ 52.29	
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		\$ 2.27	
ENDING FEBRUARY BALANCE		\$ 56,756.89	\$ 56,756.89
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Mar-21		
CFA SUPPORT FEE			
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS			
ENDING MARCH BALANCE		\$ -	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Apr-21		
CFA SUPPORT FEE			
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS			
ENDING APRIL BALANCE		\$ -	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	May-21		
CFA SUPPORT FEE			
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS			
ENDING MAY BALANCE		\$ -	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jun-21		
CFA SUPPORT FEE			
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS			
ENDING JUNE BALANCE		\$ -	
CHENIER PLAINS CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF 3/31/21			\$ 107,134.90

Coastal Report

4-20-2020

Laurie T. Cormier

- 1) The next CPRA Meeting will be Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at the LaSalle Building in Baton Rouge beginning at 9:30 am.
- 2) SW Coastal Project Funding -5 to 1 BCA approval. On 2-1-2021 Chairman Chip Kline, President Ralph Libersat, Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermilion officials conducted a meeting with Congressman Clay Higgins regarding funding for SW Coastal Project. Congressman Higgins assured President Libersat and Chairman Kline that he would push forward with securing funding for this project.
- 3) On 1-25-2021 A Resolution and a letter was mailed to our congressional delegation regarding the SW LA Project encouraging them to support federal and state funding for the SW Coastal Project.
- 4) On 2-22-2021 CPRA announced that the Cameron Meadows Marsh creation and Terracing project located in Cameron Parish is underway. This project will build more than 308 acres of marsh and an additional 11 acres will be added with the construction of 2.8 miles of terrace structures. Total estimated cost is \$32 M.
- 5) Congressional Legislation from Senator Bill Cassidy and Senator Sheldon Whitehouse regarding **Reinvesting in America's Shoreline Economies & Ecosystems (RISEE) Act. The Board Voted on a letter of Support for the RISEE/GOMESA Act and it was sent to Russell at CPRA for them to send to Senator Cassidy. – An Email was sent out to you on 3-6-2021 with more details of this legislation.**
- 6) LA Southwest Coastal Project. According to Carol Parsons Richardson there are 27 homes ready to be elevated which went through review by CORP and CPRA. Carol emailed a map and that map was emailed to you. Per email from Chip Kline there is \$10M in annual plan for this project.
- 7) On 3-24-2021 CPRA announced completion of the Rock Shoreline Protection Project. CPRA stated that another segment of rock breakwaters at Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge was completed.
- 8) On 4-2-2021 CWPPRA Technical Committee selected a priority Project List (PPL31) and voted the following projects which will be considered for final selection of projects that will be approved for Phase 1 E&D. You will be voting on a resolution on this tonight.
 - 1) CS – Mud Lake South Marsh Creation
 - 2) ME – Southeast Pecan Island Marsh Creation

- 9) CPRA rescheduled a ribbon cutting on Rabbit Island with the Governor in honor of finishing the Rabbit Island project.
- 10) Tier 2.1 Federal Financial forms are due to the Board of Ethics by 5-15-2021.
- 11) CPCRPA's Emergency Operations Plan is being updated and will be sent out prior to Hurricane Season. (need information from Ralph and Kara – sent 4-7-21)

12) SB 87 by Sen. Connick

Constitutional amendment to provide for the taxing authority of levee districts.

- CA to allow levee districts created after January 1, 2006, and the Orleans Levee District, to approve tax millages up to 5 mills total by vote of the levee board and not require a ballot vote.
 - Orleans is currently at 2.5 mills without voter approval
 - Any millage above 5 mills, would still require ballot approval.
 - If the CA is approved, this legislation would put post-2005 levee districts on the same level for taxing purposed as pre-2006 levee districts.
- 13) Estimated timber loss from Hurricane Laura from LDWF is \$68,292,000. Also, I sent the board a link regarding California's ban on alligator products.

RISEE/GOMESA Details

- The proposed legislation makes targeted changes to increase oil and gas revenue sharing to Gulf producing states under GOMESA and creates a new, separate revenue sharing program from future offshore wind development in federal waters. **Bottom line up front: the Louisiana Governor's Office of Coastal Activities is very supportive of this measure and we urge you to engage with your congressional delegations in support of this bill.**
1. The GOMESA component of the bill includes:
 - Eliminating the GOMESA state revenue sharing cap
 - Expanding the number of leases subject to revenue sharing to include leases from 2000 to 2006
 - Protecting GOMESA funds from sequestration
 - Maintaining the LWCF state side cap at \$125 million
 - Funding that exceeds the \$125 million would be deposited in the National Ocean and Coastal Security Fund, which is a grant-based program available to all coastal and Great Lakes states.
 2. The wind revenue sharing component of the bill includes:

- Establishing a revenue sharing structure similar to GOMESA
- The bill allocates 37.5% of offshore wind revenue to the adjacent states where offshore wind farms are developed.
- The state share is based on a formula developed by the Secretary of Interior inversely proportional to the distance from the wind farms, similar to GOMESA
- Detailing what the state funds can be used for
- Coastal restoration, hurricane protection, or infrastructure improvements,
- Mitigation for damage to fish, wildlife, and other natural resources due to activities in the development areas
- Implementation of federally approved marine, coastal, or comprehensive conservation management plans

3. Dedicating funding for the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund

- 37.5% of offshore wind revenues would serve as a dedicated funding source for coastal resiliency through the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund
- This Fund provides grants to coastal and Great Lake states to respond to coastal erosion and sea level rise, restore coastal habitat, and make improvements to coastal infrastructure

