

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, October 21 2025 5:00 PM
The SEED Center
Lake Charles, Louisiana

President, Tina Horn called the meeting to order at five o'clock PM.

The pledge of allegiance and a moment of silent reflection or prayer followed.

Susan Mouton initiated the roll call with the following results:

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

Guests in attendance were Thomas McGinnis, Katie Armentor (Cameron Parish Police Jury), Kim Montie (Cameron Parish Port), Mark Hogan and Alex Hadskey (DCE, OPC), David Richard, and Ryan Bourriaque.

There was not a motion to amend the agenda.

A motion was made by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Kalyn Partin, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous, July 15th, 2025, meeting as presented to the Board.

Alexander Hadskey and Mark Hogan, representing the Department of Conservation and Energy (DCE) and the Office of Permitting and Compliance (OPC), delivered a presentation outlining the Coastal Use Permitting (CUP) process in Louisiana, with a focus on regulatory requirements, review timelines, and coordination among state agencies. They discussed how CUPs ensure proposed activities align with coastal management policies while balancing infrastructure needs and environmental protection. During the discussion, David Richard, CPRA Board Member, asked how seasonal growing periods are considered when evaluating pipeline projects and potential impacts to coastal vegetation. Katie Armentor, Cameron Parish Police Jury Parish Administrator, raised questions regarding the justification for reviewing levees that may be exempt under state law. She specifically referenced levees authorized through the DNR office and approved by DNR Administration, seeking clarification on how those exemptions are applied within the permitting framework. Scooter Trosclair also raised questions regarding levees, focusing on mitigation and the maintenance of existing levees.

Scooter Trosclair provided the White Lake Report update, highlighting recent activities and ongoing considerations within the White Lake area. Susie Mouton then presented the Coastal Report, offering updates on current coastal program efforts and related initiatives. During her report, she also reminded board members of their annual Sexual Harassment and Ethics training requirements for the year.

Coastal Report Recap:

CPRA Board Meeting Recap Relative to SWLA

David Richard has been appointed to the CPRA Board by the Governor's office to represent the Calcasieu/Sabine basin.

CPRA Implementation Update

The Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) provided several key updates on ongoing and upcoming restoration projects across coastal Louisiana.

Calcasieu-Sabine Basin Restoration Project

The Calcasieu-Sabine Basin Restoration Project has officially moved out of the "school bucket," marking progress toward full implementation. A representative from the U.S. Department of the Treasury recently conducted a successful site visit, with CPRA members planning to visit the site in the coming week.

On September 18, 2025, CPRA was awarded a \$122 million RESTORE Act Direct Component grant to initiate construction of the Calcasieu-Sabine Large-Scale Marsh and Hydrologic Restoration Project. This funding represents a major milestone in advancing long-planned restoration efforts across the 65,000-acre Cameron Creole Watershed (CCW), located within the Calcasieu-Sabine Basin in Cameron Parish. The project will play a critical role in strengthening both Louisiana's ecological resilience and the economic stability of Southwest Louisiana.

Rockefeller Shoreline Stabilization – Cameron Parish

Engineering efforts remain ongoing for the Rockefeller Shoreline Stabilization project, part of CPRA's broader Southwest Coastal Program. The project aims to protect vital shoreline habitat and enhance coastal defense in Cameron Parish.

Calcasieu Lake Restoration and Multi-Program Synergies

CPRA highlighted how multiple restoration programs are being integrated to create a cohesive Cameron Creole Restoration Framework. This collaborative approach leverages several federal and state initiatives to maximize restoration impact:

- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' Beneficial Use of Dredged Material (BUDMAT) Program: Expected to restore 600–1,200 acres of marshland, with construction anticipated in FY26 or FY28. This initiative is projected to reduce CPRA's cost per acre by 80–90%.
- CWPPRA (Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act): Enhances the performance of the Cameron Creole Freshwater Introduction Project (CS-49) and supports future project integration within the watershed framework.
- LNG Dredged Material Placement: Ensures dredged material placement in the Cameron Creole area maintains proper drainage and supports hydrologic connections through CS-87 structures.

Vermilion Bay Land Bridge Project

The Vermilion Bay Land Bridge Project continues to progress, focusing on protecting critical infrastructure and communities in the Intercoastal City and New Iberia areas.

2029 CPRA Coastal Master Plan Project Solicitation

The first solicitation for projects period for the 2029 Coastal Master Plan has ended October 17th, 2025. A second project solicitation period is projected to open in early 2026. Feedback will also be given to those who submitted projects in the 1st project solicitation during this time to have a second chance to refine projects and resubmit in the 2nd project solicitation.

CWPPRA

The following projects are in the running for Phase 1 Engineering and Design funding through the CWPPRA Program:

1. Freshwater Bayou East Restoration
2. Gulf Shoreline Protection West
3. Peconi Bayou Marsh Creation
4. West Cove South Marsh Creation

Depending on the government shutdown, a date for the next Technical Committee meeting will be scheduled. A letter of support for these projects will be needed by December, but the CWPPRA staff will accept them beforehand.

Annual Trainings – Sexual Harassment and Ethics

Both training courses will be due by December 4th, 2025. Susie will send the link for sexual harassment training. Ethics training can be accessed through the ethics website for Louisiana and will be included with the sexual harassment link in email. Send training completion certificates to Susie.

Treasurer Trevor Hair was not present at this meeting, and the board agreed he would present the report at the next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion to produce a resolution of support for the CWPPRA Projects above for Phase 1 Engineering and Design funding was approved by a first motion from Kalyn Partin and seconded by Sara Judson.

The ALBL Annual Meeting held in December was announced, and the board made a motion to approve one board member to attend. A motion was made by Kay Barnett, seconded by Scooter Trosclair to send Damian Lejeune to the ALBL Annual Meeting.

President Tina Horn announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, January 20th, 2026, in Cameron, LA at 5 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45pm.

Adopted and Approved on this 20th day of January, 2026.

Approved:

Attest:

Earnestine (Tina) Horn, President

Sara Judson, Secretary