

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, April 15, 2025 5:00 PM
Cameron Parish Police Jury
Cameron, 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 – Absent	Kay Barnett – Present
Phillip “Scooter” Trosclair – Present	Kalyn Partin – Absent
Trevor Hair – Present	Earl Landry, Jr. – Absent
Earnestine “Tina” Horn – Present	Damian LeJeune - Absent
Sara Judson – Present	

Guests in attendance were: Shannon Neveaux, Vermilion Parish Police Jury’s Coastal Projection and Restoration Committee, Kara Bonsall, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Kathryn Murphy, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, and Phillip Parker, CPRA Lafayette Office.

There was not a motion to amend the agenda.

A motion was made by Kay Barnett, seconded by Scooter Trosclair, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous, October 15th, 2024, meeting as presented to the Board.

Phillip Parker, P.E. CPRA Lafayette Office, presented a South Central and Southwest LA CPRA Projects Update and 2026 Annual Plan Overview.

Kay Barnett, Vice President gave the Administrative Report:

Vice President Kay Barnett provided an ALBL Executive Committee Meeting Recap below:

The Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) serves as a mechanism for the Louisiana levee boards to advocate for flood control throughout the State.

As the Louisiana Division of Administration under the new direction of Governor Landry took the approach to review the structure of state agencies, there was an executive order for DRIVE (Departmental Review for Innovation and Visionary Enhancement) as a statewide initiative. The state agency for coastal issues CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority) and how to structure coastal oversight was part of this review.

Since that time, it has been decided to leave CPRA as an agency under the Office of the Governor, not under the newly named Department of Energy and Natural Resources. Part of these discussions also involved needs for the levee boards that are non-coastal. A term was developed called URMA (Upland Resource Management Authority) to develop an entity that would mimic CPRA to address needs, mostly Operations and Maintenance, for those levee districts.

All of this has been moved to legislation in the current 2025 Legislative Session. Bills to watch are SB 97, authored by Senator Pressly, to create CURRENT (Coordinated Use of Resources for Recreation, Economy,

Navigation and Transportation) Authority for non-coastal levee issues. URMA may end up under Public Works and is being considered as an entity with more authority under the Department of Transportation.

The USACE is responsible for costs related to O&M not the State, but those costs could end up under DOTD's budget since they average about \$20M/year. Louisiana Representative Ryan Bourriaque is spearheading a bill to reorganize DOTD. One of the goals for URMA is to develop a master plan for the non-coastal levee districts.

Scooter Trosclair provided updates to the following:

- Mermentau Inundation relief Project Construction Update
 - o Under construction/flood relief for Mermentau Basin
- ME-35 Shoreline Project Update
 - o Completed December 2024, Shoreline protection on Rockefeller using Restore funds
- SW Coastal Shoreline Work Update
 - o USACE decided to do additional Geotech, in the meantime the federal government pulled back \$21 million from appropriations. Letters have been sent in to request funding back.

Susie Mouton presented the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan. A motion was made by Sara Judson, seconded by Scooter Trosclair, to approve the 2025 Emergency Operations Plan as written.

Susie Mouton gave the Coastal Report:

- Tier 2.1 Forms
 - o Due May 15th 2025, send receipt when completed. Damian completed.
- State of the Coast May 20th – May 22nd in New Orleans at Ernest N. Morial Convention Center. Regular registration is open until April 30th.
 - o 3 Days is \$775.00. 1 Day is \$325.00
 - o After April 30th 3 days is \$875.00 and 1 Day is \$350.00.
- Coastal Day at the Legislature May 12th 2025 (Agenda included in your packet)
- CWPPRA Update
 - o Technical Committee Meeting 4/10/2025
 - Gulf Shoreline Protection West (Mermentau)
 - Peconi Bayou Marsh Creation (Calcasieu Sabine)
 - Freshwater Bayou East Marsh Restoration (Teche-Vermilion)
 - John Foret Comments to CWPPRA Technical Committee
 - o Task Force Meeting May 8th in New Orleans Tulane River and Coastal Center at 1370 Port of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA 70130 or virtual via Webex
- CPR Board Meeting
 - o 4/16/2025 in Baton Rouge at the LaSalle Building in the LaBelle Room at 617 North Third Street. Agenda included in your packets.

Treasurer Trevor Hair presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Barnett to approve the Treasurer's Report.

There will be a travel reimbursement request for Kay Barnett to be approved and reported at the next Chenier Plain Meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was no new business to report.

President Tina Horn announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, July 15th, 2025, in Abbeville, LA at 5 PM.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30pm.

Adopted and Approved on this 15th day of July, 2025.

Approved:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Earnestine Horn", is displayed within a light blue rectangular box.

Earnestine (Tina) Horn, President

Attest:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Sara Judson", is displayed above a horizontal line.

Sara Judson, Secretary