

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, July 16, 2024 5:00 PM
Cameron Parish Police Jury
Cameron, Louisiana

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

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

Outgoing President Kay Barnett passed the gavel to President Tina Horn, Incoming President

Susan Mouton initiated the roll call with the following results:

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

Guests in attendance were: Travis Moore, CPRA, Jennifer Mouton, Fenstermaker, Jacques Boudreaux, CPRA, Laurie Cormier, CPRA Board, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Clay Higgins Office, Kim Montie, Cameron Parish Port, Katie Armentor, Cameron Parish Police Jury Parish Administrator, Jennifer Byrd, EPA, Bryant Domingue, Emery Desonier, LSU Ag Center, and Jessica Diez, CPRA.

It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Kalyn Partin to amend the agenda adding Kay Barnett to provide the Treasurer Report in place of Trevor Hair.

A motion was made by Kalyn Partin, seconded by Scooter Trosclair, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous, April 16, 2024, meeting as presented to the Board.

Jessica Diez with CPRA gave a presentation CS-87 Update.

Travis Moore, Project Manager, gave a presentation on the No Name Bayou Project update.

Jennifer Byrd, EPA and CWPPRA Engineer, gave a presentation on EPA's CWPPRA Concepts in the Southwest Region.

Kay Barnett, Vice President, and Susan Mouton, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury Program Coordinator gave the Administrative Report:

SHORES FLY-IN RECAP:

CPRA, Louisiana's Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, organized an advocacy and networking fly-in workshop SHORES (Sharing Offshore Revenues from Energy Resources) in Washington, DC to promote supporting federal legislation to establish revenue sharing for offshore wind energy and to increase revenue sharing for GOMESA states (Texas, Louisiana, Mississippi and Alabama). The legislation includes the RISEE Act (Reinvesting In Shoreline Economics and Ecosystems) and BREEZE Act (Budgeting for Renewable Zone Earnings).

The effort was held June 11-13. SHORES is a national grassroots coalition of coastal advocates who strongly support long-term, dedicated revenue streams for coastal resiliency. There were 83 members

from Louisiana who participated in the advocacy efforts, 105 meetings held with Congressional staff, and 31 states, 22 territories and 17 groups represented.

If passed in Congress, the RISEE Act, which passed the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee unanimously in 2022, would:

- Dedicate 37.5% of revenues from offshore wind leases in federal waters directly to adjacent states. Funding can be deployed to projects that best meet the needs of the state if they are consistent with authorized uses.
- Apply starting January 1, 2022, which would cover valuable offshore wind lease sale revenues from the NY Bight, Carolina Long Bay, California, and Gulf of Mexico lease sales.
- Dedicate 12.5% of revenues from offshore wind leases in federal waters to the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund, also known as the National Coastal Resilience Fund (NCRF). The NCRF provides competitive grants to coastal projects. This legislation would direct formula funding to coastal states which benefits every coastal and Great Lake states and U.S. territories.
- Eliminate the 2% administrative fee under the Mineral Leasing Act for interior states.
- The RISEE Act does not mandate lease sales or facilitate additional production. Congress most recently addressed lease sales through the Inflation Reduction Act.
- For GOMESA revenue sharing:
 - eliminate the arbitrary statutory cap placed on GOMESA state revenue sharing (\$375 million divided among AL, LA, MS and TX prior to sequestration).
 - eliminate the statutory cap placed on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$125 million), which benefits all states.

If passed, the BREEZE Act, which passed the House of Representatives twice this Congress, would:

- Dedicate 50% of revenues from offshore wind leases in federal waters directly to the states that host the production. Funding can be deployed to projects that best meet the needs of the state as long as they are consistent with authorized uses.
- Dedicate 37.5% of revenues from offshore wind leases in federal waters to the North American Wetlands Conservation Fund (NAWCA).
- Under GOMESA revenue sharing:
 - increase revenue sharing under GOMESA to 50% for the four states directly affected by federal offshore oil and gas development (up from 37.5%)
 - eliminate the arbitrary statutory cap placed on GOMESA state revenue sharing (\$375 million divided among AL, LA, MS and TX).
 - eliminate the statutory cap placed on the Land and Water Conservation Fund (\$125 million), which benefits all states.
- Exempt this funding from sequestration, a budgetary provision that can result in automatic cuts to certain expenditures, typically around 5.7%.

More than likely, it will be one or the other or a combination of the RISEE or BREEZE Acts that passes.

ALBL (Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana) Annual Workshop:

The Annual ALBL Workshop was held May 2-3 in Baton Rouge in a joint effort with CPRA (Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority) and the Department of Transportation and Development to update the Louisiana Levee Boards on coastal projects that are being initiated from the following entities:

US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE)
Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (LADOTD)
Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association
Governor's Office of Coastal Activities

Topics covered were as follows:

WRDA investments in South Louisiana -\$3.4 Billion
Pump repairs in New Orleans

Grand Isle Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction-Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA)
West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Levee floodwall and drainage structure construction
Morganza to the Gulf 98-mile levee system and floodgates
Mississippi River and Tributaries-flood risk lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study
Redesigned National Levee Database
Levee and Dam Safety Inspection Programs
Thermal Investigations
Watershed Initiatives
Statewide Flood Control Program
Floodplain Management
Ports and Waterways Infrastructure Projects
PPP-Port Priority Program Funding
Waterways Dredging/Deepening
Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection-since 2007, \$50 Billion, 50-Year Program
Governmental Ethics and Sexual Harassment Prevention training

An Executive Session was held to discuss reduction in the CPRA Board of Directors and reorganization of the new Louisiana Department of Energy and Natural Resources (DENR).

Susan Mouton presented the Emergency Operations Plan 2024. A motion was made by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Kalyn Partin to approve the Emergency Operations Plan 2024.

SW Coastal Public Meetings June 10-13

Great turn outs, Calcasieu had about 230 people attend.

Contract awarded to first 20 homes to be elevated

- Wingate Engineering, subcontracted to Schexnaydre Restoration and Construction

CPRA Meetings recaps

April 17th 2024 9:30AM (Baton Rouge)

CPRA Implementation

43 projects in Construction

62 projects in Engineering and Design

5 in planning

Construction Industry Update

Coast Builders Coalition

A Non-profit organization with the mission to support efforts to design, build and preserve the gulf coast

Made up of engineers, contractors, consultants, mitigation banks and others involved in coastal restoration and hurricane protection work

The growth began post-Katrina when the Louisiana industry grew from 100 million to over 1 billion annually.

The achievements are providing necessary equipment in a timely manner including dredges

Growing the workforce with the assistance of Louisiana education institutions and state coordination efforts

Coordination with CPRA to procure consulting and contracting services

Commitment to the State's Coastal Master Plan

Exporting coastal restoration and protection expertise around the nation and world.

CPRA Dredging Update

18 barrier island/headland projects

38 Marsh Creation projects

Nearly 30,000 acres of marsh/beach/ridge habitat created

Investment of \$2.6 Billion

Did an overview of No Name Bayou Marsh Creation & Nourishment and Calcasieu Sabine Large Scale Marsh and Hydraulic Restoration

May 15th 2024 9:30AM (Baton Rouge)

CPRA Implementation Update

44 in Construction

59 in Engineering and Design

5 in Planning

US Army Corps Update

- Gave an update on their 2024 Hurricane Response Plan
- Gave a small update on SW Coastal, Contract to be awarded soon

CPRA Hurricane Prep

- Emergency Operations Plan sent to CPRA for Hurricane Prep

June 26th 2024 9:30AM (Houma)

CPRA Implementation

43 in Construction

59 in Engineering and Design

5 in Planning

Hurricane Protection and Morganza to the Gulf

Went over in house mitigation projects such as

Flood Control Structure Projects

Levee Improvement Projects

Presentation of the 2024 R. King Milling Distinguished Coastal Service Award given to Reggie Dupre TLCD (Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District).

All CPRA Presentations are available on their website. Recordings of the meetings are available on their Facebook page.

Governors Advisory Commission Meeting June 4th at Baton Rouge The Estuary at the Water Campus

Glenn Ledet went over recent progress and a look ahead for CPRA

Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan Update from Doug Daigle, Louisiana Hypoxia Working Group

Houma Navigation Canal Complex Update

Port Fourchon Partner Update

All Presentations from GAC meeting are on CPRA Website

Future CPRA Meetings

July 17th, 2024, 9:30AM at Louisiana State Capitol

August 21st, 2024, 9:30AM

September 18th, 2024, 9:30AM

October 16th, 2024, 9:30AM

Vice President Kay Barnett presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Kalyn Partin, seconded by Scooter Trosclair to amend the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 budget due to 5% variance.

The 2024-2025 Fiscal Year budget was presented. It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Kalyn Partin to approve the Treasurer's Report.

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

It was moved by Kalyn Partin, seconded by Kay Barnett to approve Tina Horn to provide signatures on future financial forms and for approving minutes.

President Horn announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2024, In Vermilion Parish, LA at 5 PM.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Kalyn Partin, seconded by Kay Barnett, and carried that the meeting is adjourned.

Adopted and Approved on this 15th day of October, 2024.

Approved:

Attest:



Earnestine (Tina) Horn, President



Sara Judson, Secretary