

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, July 20, 2021
LSU Ag Center Abbeville - 5PM

President Ralph Libersat called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

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

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

Approval of the minutes of the April 20, 2021 regular meeting:

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

Presentations were heard by the board:

- Elizabeth McLaughlin was not able to make the meeting so Ralph Libersat gave her report on the update on the SW Coastal Louisiana Project
- Jerry Carroll – CPRA gave the SWLA Update
- Ralph Libersat gave a report on SB87 and ACT 132 with discussion by the board on the October 9, 2021 constitutional amendment.

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

N/A_____ made a motion to amend agenda to include item 9D:

Resolution to

N/A_____

- _____ seconded the motion.
- No public comment; No opposition.

Business from the Audience

- Edward Anthony – Region 4 Coordinator presenting on the LAWI – LA Watershed Initiative. He stated they have meeting the 4th Wednesday of each month and all are invited.

Treasurer's Report:

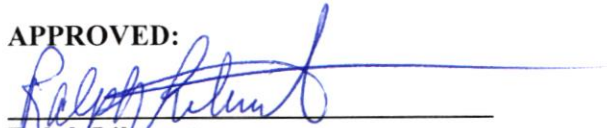
- Treasurer Kay Barnett was not at the meeting so Ralph Libersat gave the report (attached)

- Earl Landry made a motion to accept the treasurer's report.
- Scooter Trosclair seconded the motion.
- No public comment; No opposition.

Announcement: The next CPRPA meeting will be Tuesday, October 20, 2021 at the Lake Charles Seed Center. **There was discussion that additional meetings could be conducted by Zoom either on August 10, 17, or 24 due to the constitutional amendment.**

Adjournment: Scooter Trosclair made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Tina Horn seconded the motion. No public comment; No opposition. President Ralph Libersat adjourned the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

APPROVED:



Ralph Libersat
President

Treasurer's Report

CHENIER PLAINS FINANCIALS JANUARY - JUNE 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	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Apr-21	\$ 50,378.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
ENDING APRIL BALANCE		\$ 50,293.01	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	May-21	\$ 50,293.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
ENDING MAY BALANCE		\$ 50,208.01	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jun-21	\$ 50,208.01	
CONSTANT CONTACT		\$ 45.00	
QUICKBOOKS		\$ 40.00	
GODADDY		\$ 285.52	
ENDING JUNE BALANCE		\$ 49,837.49	\$ 49,837.49
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	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Mar-21	\$ 56,756.89	
CFA SUPPORT FEE		\$ 57.85	
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		\$ 2.21	
ENDING MARCH BALANCE		\$ 56,701.25	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Apr-21	\$ 56,701.25	
CFA SUPPORT FEE		\$ 55.93	
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		\$ 2.20	
ENDING APRIL BALANCE		\$ 56,647.52	
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	May-21	\$ 56,647.52	
CFA SUPPORT FEE		\$ 57.73	
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS		\$ 2.05	
ENDING MAY BALANCE		\$ 56,591.84	\$ 56,591.84
BEGINNING BALANCE			
	Jun-21	\$56,591.84	
CFA SUPPORT FEE			
INTEREST & DIVIDENDS			
ENDING JUNE BALANCE		\$56,591.84	
CHENIER PLAINS CASH & INVESTMENTS AS OF 5/31/21			\$ 106,429.33

Chenier Plain Meeting - Congressional Update

20 July 2021

Congressman Clay Higgins (R-LA) announced last week the House Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and Related Agencies introduced and passed legislation that includes his funding requests for the Southwest Coastal Louisiana hurricane protection project and the Port of Iberia.

If enacted, the bill would provide:

- \$12.7 million to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' construction account for the Southwest Coastal Louisiana Hurricane Protection project. Funding would be used to perform work on hurricane and storm surge mitigation endeavors in Calcasieu, Cameron, and Vermilion parishes.
- \$1.2 million to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' investigations account for the Port of Iberia. Funding would be used to advance the Acadiana to Gulf of Mexico Access Channel (AGMAC) project, which will ultimately open the Port of Iberia to heavier projects that require greater draft, creating jobs and new economic opportunities in the region.

*"It's good that my funding requests for the Southwest Coastal Louisiana hurricane protection project and the Port of Iberia are included in the House Energy and Water spending bill. A tremendous amount of work went into our effort. Both of these projects are critical for South Louisiana," said **Congressman Higgins**. "We're going to continue working within the Congressional appropriations process to deliver wins for Louisiana."*

Our office will keep you updated as this bill moves through the approval process.



LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE



LWI REGION 4 STEERING COMMITTEE

Parish Police Jury Representation:

Jason Hebert, Allen Parish
Jacob Marceaux, Beauregard Parish
Alberto Galan, Calcasieu Parish
Myles Hebert, Cameron Parish
Gardner Rose, Coushatta Tribe
Steve Brown, Desoto Parish
Jefferson Davis Parish
Matt Johns, Rapides Parish
William Ruffin, Sabine Parish
Carl Thompson, Vernon Parish
Kara Bonsall, At Large

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IMPLEMENTATION ROADMAP

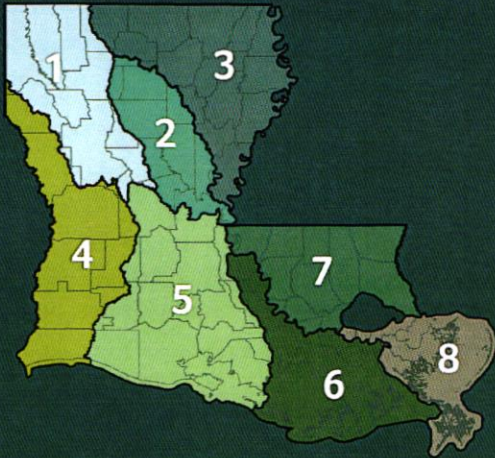
- » Imperial Calcasieu Regional Planning and Development Commission (IMCAL), at the direction of the Region 4 governing authority, should facilitate all Coalition meetings and will perform administrative functions related to the work.
- » The coalition should be enabled by a combination of legislation via a state commission, as well as locally, in accordance with the state charter.
- » All state watershed coalitions should be authorized by a single charter that includes a list of standards and authorities identified by all regions, wherein each region is able to choose which standard or authority to implement and to what degree within individual coalition bylaws/ regional charters.
- » The coalition should be composed of public and private representatives and include a technical advisory committee (TAC). TAC members should not be a part of the watershed coalition but should be subject matter experts and make recommendations to the coalitions.
- » The coalition should have oversight by a state agency that provides technical support, coordination among regions, and state-level management.
- » The regional watershed boundaries should be recognized or approved by a state agency, board or program.
- » The coalition should have the ability to obtain external funding and maintain stable local funding. The coalition will help local jurisdictions access grant funds and assist with grant administration. The coalition could serve as a conduit for grant funds, but revenue streams should not be limited to only grant funds.
- » The state should lead the effort in drafting the legal elements that reflect the recommendations, while regions collect feedback on provisional recommendations. Regions should be kept aware of continued progress.



LOUISIANA WATERSHED INITIATIVE

ABOUT LWI

Louisiana Watershed Initiative (LWI) was formed to help manage Louisiana's future flood risk through watershed-based solutions. As a result of the 2016 Flood, the State works with local governments to develop a new approach to managing our floodplains. The LWI was established to manage this program. In 2019, the State was divided into eight watershed regions.



OUR APPROACH



Use scientific tools and data.



Enable transparent, objective decision-making.



Maximize the natural flow of floodplains.



Establish regional, watershed management of flood risk.

LWI REGION FOUR

GOVERNANCE RECOMMENDATION

REGIONAL SUMMARY

PLANNING/ DEVELOPMENT REGULATION

- Facilitate a watershed plan that identifies flood risk in the region; identifies potential areas for retention, discharge, and preservation; provides guidance and recommendations regarding development best practices; identifies and prioritizes potential regional watershed projects.
- Serve as an apolitical clearinghouse to streamline efforts associated with different revenue sources for watershed planning and coordination; align floodplain managers.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

- Develop a pool of funds for regional mitigation planning and watershed projects.
- Preserve land within the watershed with conservation easements/servitudes.

DATA AND MODELING

- Coordinate data management with local stakeholders and create regional data repository.
- Store watershed models locally with entity in charge of day-to-day operation.

OUTREACH AND ENGAGEMENT

- Provide public outreach and education (re: Nature-Based Solutions, NFIP, CRS, and flood risk solutions identified from watershed models).

RECOMMENDED COALITION AUTHORITY

- Cooperate/ contract with other governmental agencies.
- Generate revenue (issue/sell bonds, borrow money, accept grants, collect fees, levy tax/special assessments).
- Acquire, hold and use property.
- Finance, fund, plan, establish, acquire, construct/reconstruct, enlarge or extend, equip, operate, and maintain systems and infrastructure.

Discussion Items Regarding ACT 132 (SB-87)

- 1) SB -87 was signed by Governor and is now officially ACT 132
- 2) This ACT will appear as a constitutional amendment on the October 9, 2021 ballot
- 3) Exact language that will appear on the ballot is on the last page of the ACT
- 4) There is NO cost to Chenier Plain Authority for this constitutional amendment being on the ballot
- 5) Brief explanation of ACT 132
 - Gives authority for certain Levee Districts to levy a tax annually not to exceed five mills
 - These "certain" Levee Districts are the ones created after January 1, 2006
 - In order for this ACT to be implemented in our area the following has to occur
 - i. Must pass statewide
 - ii. Must pass within each of our parishes (Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermilion)
- 6) Board discussion on strategies to promote passage of Constitutional Amendment
 - Need to formulate a one pager so we can be in unison with presentation of our message (this message can expand with further explanations with feedback from meetings participants)
 - Set up meetings with each parish Police Jury (or with key individuals within the parish before we meet with the Police Jury as a whole)
 - Need to meet with our State Senators and State Representatives ???
 - Set interviews with news media ????
 - Social media ????
 - May need help for local consultants (cost limits) ????

Coastal Report

7-20-2020

Laurie T. Cormier

- 1) The next CPRA Meeting will be tomorrow, Wednesday, July 21, 2021 in Lake Charles at the Lake Charles Civic Center beginning at 9:30 am
- 2) SB 87 Passed the LA Legislature – statewide election held on October 9, 2021.
- 3) Ethics and Sexual Harassment Training due by 7-20-2021
- 4) Next ALBL Meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 20, 2021 @ 10:00 am at Drusilla Seafood in Baton Rouge.
- 5) The ALBL Annual Meeting is scheduled for December 8-9, 2021 in New Orleans
- 6) CPRA's annual plan passes the LA Legislature
 - a. 90% of total expenditures will go toward project implementation and maintenance
 - b. 125 active projects
 - c. 72 in construction totaling \$602 Million
 - d. 45 in E&D
 - e. 11 projects in SWLA; 41 in South Center and 73 in Southeast LA
 - f. 18 dredging projects are slated for construction using 80.4 million cubic yards of dredge material to create or nourish nearly 14,000 acres.
- 7) On June 22, 2021 US Senators Billy Cassidy (R-LA) and Sheldon Whitehouse (D-RH) introduced legislation aimed at increasing funding for coastal restoration and hurricane protection. RISEE Reinvesting in shoreline Economies and Ecosystem ACT would make needed improvements to the GOMESA (Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act) and create a dedicated funding stream for future offshore wind development revenues.

RISEE ACT – call to Action by Russell at CPRA - Reinvesting in Shoreline Economies and Ecosystems (RISEE) Act would establish several dedicated streams of funding for coastal infrastructure and resilience in order to protect vulnerable communities and businesses most impacted by sea level rise and coastal erosion.

- a. Establish an offshore wind revenue sharing model
 - b. Dedicate funding to the National Oceans and Coastal Security Fund (provides grants to coastal and great lakes communities to respond to coastal erosion and sea level rise)
 - c. Reform the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act (GOMESA)
- 8) Kay contacted Langley Williams and Company regarding the Financial Report due to LAIA for the year ending 6-30-2021
- 9) On 7-13-2021 Congressman Clay Higgins announced that the House appropriations subcommittee on Energy and Water Development and related agencies introduced and passed legislation the following that if enacted, the bill would provide:
 - a. \$12.7 Million to the US Army Corps of Engineers' construction account for the SW Coastal LA Hurricane Protection project. Funding would be used to perform

work on hurricane and storm surge mitigation endeavors in Calcasieu, Cameron and Vermilion Parishes.

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