

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, July 15, 2025 5:00 PM
LSU Ag Center
Abbeville, 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 – Present	Earl Landry, Jr. – Absent
Earnestine “Tina” Horn – Present	Damian LeJeune - Present
Sara Judson – Present	

Guests in attendance were Shannon Neveaux, Vermilion Parish Police Jury’s Coastal Projection and Restoration Committee, Elizabeth McLaughlin, Clay Higgins Office, Kyle Stakes, Karen Deshotel, Chad Vallo, Tommy McGinnis, Paige Gisclair, Scott Harrington, Roger Cormier, Michael Gaspard, Sean Reed, Chad Lege, and Jacques Boudreaux.

There was not a motion to amend the agenda.

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

Kevin Sagrera, LWF Commission, presented on the White Lake Preserve & other SW Projects, such as the Mermentau Inundation Relief project, Southwest Coastal (ECO portion) Shoreline Protection, CWPPRA ME-20, CPPRA ME-32, CWPPRA ME-42, Tolan Lake Terrace Project, Phase 1 Levee project, Phase 2-4 Levee projects, Hurricane Laura water control project, Storm Surge Protection project, CWPPRA PPL 35 Shoreline Protection Proposal overview, Rockefeller Unit 3 Pump, Artificial Offshore Reef, ME-35 Shoreline Protection, and ME -37 Shoreline Protection. Scooter Trosclair chimed in while in discussion of the projects and their updates.

Kay Barnett, Vice President gave the Administrative Report:

The Coastal Advisory Team (CAT), which consists of representatives from the Louisiana coastal communities and whose role is to assist with the development of the 2029 Master Plan, has met several times to discuss a new, more innovative process for our coastal communities to submit restoration and protection projects for funding. This will be a more automated process. The first opportunity to submit projects will start tomorrow through October. Regional workshops (RW) and community meetings will begin July 23rd, the first community meeting being in Abbeville from 5:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. at the LSU Ag Center, 1105 West Port Street. The RW meeting will involve extensive discussion of regional concerns and priorities for action and establish the next steps for the development of project ideas to address them.

The Public NPD (New Project Development) Workshops will include an introduction to the master plan followed by discussions at two different types of tables:

1. tables for people who want to learn about coastal processes, the master plan, future without action projections, and what types of projects can address coastal challenges; and

2. tables for people who have a project idea and want to get help from experts in developing the ideas for submission to the MP29 process.

RW members could add a lot of value at both types of tables and are encouraged to attend their region's public workshop. The first public solicitation for New Project Development (NPD) for the 2029 Coastal Master Plan (MP29) is from July through October 17, 2025.

The master plan team will be holding a Public NPD Kickoff Webinar on Friday, July 18th from 10:00 a.m. – Noon to introduce the master plan and provide an overview of the NPD public solicitation process. You can register for the webinar on the [MP29 page](#) or directly [here](#). The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available afterwards on CPRA's MP29 webpage to serve as a reference during the NPD public solicitation periods (July–October 17, 2025 & TBD early 2026). All these details will be added to CPRA's website and advertised on CPRA's social media accounts, newsletter, etc.

CAT MEETING #2 KOM DATE: 07/01/2025 RE: COASTAL ADVISORY TEAM MEETING #2 KEY OUTCOMES MEMO
Katie Freer, CPRA, confirmed that past 2023 Coastal Master Plan (MP23) projects that were selected to be included in the plan but had not yet been built or received funding for construction would be rescreened based on the New Project Development screening criteria being developed for the 2029 plan. Anything that was analyzed for MP23 is already being reconsidered for MP29 so CPRA asks the public to avoid submitting project ideas that are duplicative of MP23 projects.

NEW PROJECT DEVELOPMENT & SCREENING

Katie described the New Project Development (NPD) process, the materials that will be provided to assist the public to formulate and submit new project concepts, and the variables that will be considered during the desktop screening process of potential projects.

DESKTOP SCREENING OF SUBMITTED PROJECTS

- For MP29, one component of CPRA's desktop screening process will include a constructability review. CPRA engineers will conduct a desktop analysis (e.g., via a score card) with notes regarding identified potential constructability challenges or flags (e.g., oil and gas infrastructure impacts, etc.). The Master Plan Delivery Team will consider their notes and determine if projects are screened in or out based on this review.
- After the first public solicitation period, the Master Plan Delivery Team will follow up with project submitters whose projects are screened out to provide feedback on their project concepts. For example, the team will let a submitter know if their landbridge concept is not feasible in the originally proposed location but could be constructible in a slightly different area. This will allow submitters time to revise and resubmit their concept during the second public solicitation period.
- CAT members agreed that potential land rights issues should not be used to exclude projects from further consideration. It was suggested that a risk or uncertainty flag should be noted for context but not used as a screening criterion.

PROGRAMMATICALLY CONSISTENT PROJECTS

- The Master Plan Delivery Team screens out project types that are categorized as programmatically consistent with the master plan. These project types typically have highly localized benefits and lower costs, and do not warrant individual, project-by-project evaluation with master plan models. Programmatically consistent project types are evaluated on a case-by-case basis through permitting, not through the master plan process. Katie presented the following project types CPRA is considering categorizing as programmatically consistent with the master plan: nonstructural risk reduction, barrier island maintenance, oyster reef restoration, shoreline protection, bank stabilization, earthen terraces and Forested Wetland Restoration.
- Earthen Terraces will be included in the list of programmatically consistent project types for the first time. CAT members emphasized that explicitly listing this project type as programmatically consistent with the master plan will assist them in obtaining grant funding for earthen terracing projects.

- It may be possible to model smaller projects in groups to get the measurable benefits necessary for subsequent analyses.
- Ideally, target areas would be identified where a) it makes the biggest difference to build large marsh creation polygons in full, even if accomplished by smaller projects over time, and b) smaller, non-contiguous projects could be patched together
- It was cautioned that including too many project types in the programmatically consistent category would result in fewer projects being included in the selection process.

SHALLOW WATER

Shallow water is a valuable habitat type that was not explicitly modeled or reported for MP23. The Master Plan Delivery Team proposes to use shallow water as a secondary metric to help illustrate how habitat quality changes over time and under different scenarios/projects.

ICM-HDI: HABITAT DIVERSITY INDEX

The ICM-HDI metric provides a way to capture changes in proportional abundance of different types of wetland habitat. The metric calculates habitat richness and diversity from vegetation cover predictions that have previously been shared in map form so that big picture changes can be compared in both time and space.

- It is not necessarily bad if conditions convert back to salt water in a given area, instead it is important to view the change in the context of the coast as a whole.

SCENARIO DEVELOPMENT & PATH FORWARD

- MP23 assumed current population change rates would continue into the future and did not vary across the scenarios. The Predictive Models and Decision Support Technical Advisory Committee (PM-TAC) recommends that MP29 hold the population value constant with no change since we can't accurately predict how it will change over the course of five decades.

Susie Mouton presented the Coastal Report:

SW Coastal Public Meeting - July 24th at the Calcasieu Parish Public Library on the 2nd floor starting at 1:00pm until 4:00pm. The meeting is for SW Coastal Updates as well as informational for anyone who has yet to sign up for the program.

CPRA Board Meeting: July 16th (tomorrow) in Baton Rouge at the Louisiana State Capitol, House Committee Room 5, starting at 9:30AM. Agenda and live stream link was sent to you, let me know if you didn't get it.

2029 Master Plan News:

MP29 IN PERSON PUBLIC MEETING (ABBEVILLE) JULY 23RD 5:30-8:00PM AT LSU AG CENTER

The public workshop will be from 5:30pm–8:00pm and will include an introduction to the master plan followed by discussions at two different types of tables:

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THERE WILL BE A REGIONAL WORKGROUP IN PERSON MEETING BEFORE THE PUBLIC MEETING ABOVE AT 12:30PM-4:30PM.

- This meeting will involve extensive discussion of regional concerns and priorities for action and establish next steps for the development of project ideas to address them.

MP29 Webinar for All Regional Workgroups July 17th from 12:00pm-2:00pm

- This webinar is for all RW members (Acadiana, Terrebonne/Lafourche Basin, Barataria Basin, and Pontchartrain/Breton Basin RWs) to provide members with background information in preparation for the upcoming in-person RW meetings. For those who cannot attend live, this webinar will be recorded, and the master plan team will offer optional virtual "office hours" on

July 22 to discuss any additional questions about information provided during the July 17 webinar.

MP29 Public New Project Development Webinar July 18th from 10:00AM to 12:00PM

- The CPRA master plan team will be holding a Public New Project Development (NPD) Kickoff Webinar on Friday, July 18th from 10:00am–12:00pm to introduce the master plan and provide an overview of the NPD public solicitation process. You must register. Let me know if you plan to attend so I can send you the register link, or I can register you. The webinar presentation will be recorded and made available afterwards on CPRA's MP29 webpage.

Calcasieu Sabine Large Scale Marsh Creation Presentation – CPRA August 14th at 9:30AM at the SEED Center in Lake Charles (2nd floor)

- The purpose of this meeting is for Jessica Diez with CPRA to present on the Calcasieu-Sabine Large Scale Marsh and Hydrologic Restoration (CS-87) project. This project is a \$261M dollar coastal project being constructed on the east lake rim and marshes of Calcasieu Lake.

Treasurer Trevor Hair presented the Treasurer's Report. It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Kay Barnett to amend the 2024-2025 budget. The modification is to update the Constant Contacts to \$312.00 and GoDaddy payments to \$500.00. It was motioned by Jake McCain, seconded by Kalyn Partin to adopt the new budget for July 2025-June 2026.

Kay Barnett's Travel reimbursement was reported and approved for \$692.19 and \$622.56.

Trevor Hair presented the last quarter and year to date numbers for July 2024 to May 2025

NEW BUSINESS:

Damian Lejeune asked how to donate to the board. His job may be interested in donating to the Chenier Plain Board ~\$5,000.00 to cover travel or membership fees to certain entities, like ALBL. The board agreed to investigate Tax Donation rules and to update the website once a resolution is found.

President Tina Horn announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, October 21st, 2025, in Lake Charles, LA at 5 PM.

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

Adopted and Approved on this 21st day of October, 2025.

Approved:

Attest:

Earnestine (Tina) Horn, President

Sara Judson, Secretary