

MINUTES
Chenier Plain Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority
(CPCRPA)
Tuesday, April 16, 2024 5:00 PM
The SEED Center
Lake Charles, Louisiana

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

Sara Judson led the Pledge of Allegiance. 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. - Present
Earnestine “Tina” Horn – Present	
Sara Judson – Present	

Guests in attendance were: Dr. Ning Zhang, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at McNeese State University, Greg Grandy, Coastal Resources Administrator at the LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, Jennifer Cobian, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Jenny Byrd, Marine, Coastal, and Non-Point Source Section

It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Trevor Hair to amend the agenda adding a legislative update on coastal bill concerns by Tina Horn and adoption of the CPCRPA Emergency Operations Plan as updated by Susan Mouton.

A motion was made by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Earl Landry, and carried to accept the minutes of the previous, October 17, 2023, meeting as presented to the Board.

Dr. Ning Zhang, Professor of Mechanical Engineering at McNeese University, gave a presentation on the FLIP Fluid Flood Modeling Program.

Mr. Greg Grandy, Coastal Resources Administrator at the LA Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, gave a presentation on the Fiscal Year 2025 Annual Plan for Integrated Ecosystem Restoration and Hurricane Protection in Coastal Louisiana, which included projects and budgets.

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

Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge Site Visit:

The site visit was coordinated by Elizabeth McLaughlin, Congressman Higgins’ Office. Two other staff members from his office in Washington, DC attended as well as other representatives from federal agencies. There were about twenty-five attendees.

Scooter Trosclair facilitated the site visit, which included taking airboats to the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge shoreline to see the positive results of the shoreline restoration from the breakwater rocks.

As a result, the USACE for the Southwest Coastal project is recommending that an additional \$20 Million be appropriated through the House Appropriations Energy and Water, and Related Agencies Subcommittee Bill, for two additional miles of shoreline protection at the Rockefeller Wildlife Refuge. Letters of support from the Chenier Plain Board were sent to US Senators Bill Cassidy, M.D., and John Kennedy and to US Representative Clay Higgins.

In addition to the site visit, a tour of the Venture Global LNG plant was conducted as well as lunch at the new Lighthouse Bend restaurant.

Coastal Day at the Capitol:

Coastal Day 2024 was held March 25th at the Louisiana Legislature. Newly elected Governor Jeff Landry spoke as well as new coastal leadership, i.e., CPRA Chair Gordon “Gordy” Dove; CPRA Executive Director Glenn Ledet, Jr.; Tyler Gray, Office of the Secretary, Louisiana Department of Natural Resources; Louisiana Representative Ryan Bourriaque, District 47.

Southwest Louisiana was well represented from the Chenier Plain, CPRA, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish Police Jury, Cameron Parish Port, Congressman Higgins’ Office, and Lobbyist Keli Williams – Brian Abshire, Alberto Galan, Jessica Booth, Laurie Cormier, Kay Barnett, Sara Judson, Kara Bonsall, Kim Montie, Elizabeth McLaughlin, and others. Networking with our legislative delegation about coastal issues was conducted.

ALBL Annual Workshop:

The ALBL Annual Workshop will be held May 2-3, 2024, in Baton Rouge at the Crowne Plaza. Kay Barnett is registered to attend for the Chenier Plain; registration was waived. Cost will include hotel for one night at \$102.00 plus tax and mileage.

Speakers will include Glenn Ledet, Jr., Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities and Executive Director of CPRA; Colonel Cullen Jones, USACE New Orleans District; Colonel Christopher Klein, USACE Vicksburg District; Stephen Gambrell, Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association; and Joe Donahue, Dept. of Transportation and Development.

NFIP Mitigation Update:

A federal judge has denied a request from Florida and multiple other states for an initial injunction to stop alterations to the National Flood Insurance Program which will result in increased premiums for numerous property owners. However, New Orleans Judge Darrel James Papillion, has allowed the case to continue.

The Coastal Protection Restoration Authority Meeting:

PPL 33 Technical Committee Meeting was held on December 14, 2023 and the Grand Chenier Baker Tract Marsh Creation Project was selected for Phase 2 construction funding.

PPL 34 Selection Meeting was held at the Port of Lake Charles on January 30, 2024. There were fifteen projects presented and six of those will move on to the Technical Committee

PPL Technical Committee Meeting was held on April 4, 2024. Grand Chenier Marsh Creation and the Gulf Shoreline Protection West were selected to move forward.

At the CPRA meeting on February 21, 2024 Glen Ledet, Jr. highlighted the Rockefeller Shoreline Protection Project in a presentation.

At the CPRA meeting on March 14, 2024 the CPRA Annual Plan was presented to the Board. There are sixteen active projects in Southwest Louisiana, ten are in construction phase and six are in engineering and design.

A resolution supporting the 2025 Master Plan was approved by the Board and will be sent to the Legislature.

It was moved by Tina Horn, seconded by Earl Landry, and carried that President Barnett be reimbursed for her travel and hotel while attending the ALBL Workshop.

A discussion led by Tina Horn was held concerning the Podcast that the Louisiana Public Affairs Research Council initiated concerning House Bill One, House Bill 806 and House Bill 810. The panel on the Podcast included Tyler Gray, Secretary of Department of Energy, Zee Zeringue, LA State Representative and Simone Maloz, Director of Restore Mississippi River Delta.

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

It was moved by Tina Horn, seconded by Kalyn Partin, and carried that the Treasurer’s Report given by Trevor Hair is hereby approved.

It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Early Landry, and carried, that a letter of support be approved and sent to Senator Bill Cassidy, Senator John Kennedy, and Representative Clay Higgins for the following prioritized project:

SW Coastal Rockefeller Refuge Shoreline Stabilization Project

It was moved by Scooter Trosclair, seconded by Earl Landry and carried that the officer's representing this body for the 2024-2026 year are hereby elected as follows and shall go into effect at the July 16, 2024 Meeting:

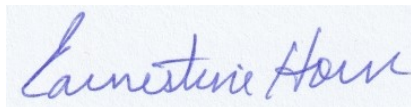
Earnestine "Tina" Horn, President; Kay Barnett, Vice President; Trevor Hair, Treasurer; and Sara Hudson, Secretary.

President Barnett announced that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Tuesday, July 16, 2024, at the Cameron Parish Police Jury Building, Cameron, LA at 5 PM.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Trevor Hair, seconded by Scooter Trosclair, and carried that the meeting is adjourned.

Adopted and Approved on this 16th day of July, 2024.

Approved:



Earnestine (Tina) Horn, President

Attest:



Sara Judson, Secretary