



Associated Press Issues Correction on Reported Claims by Plaquemines Parish President

BATON ROUGE, LA – The Associated Press (AP) news service has issued a correction to a national news story in which AP quoted claims made by Plaquemines Parish President Amos Cormier, that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority did not allow him to speak at the CPRA Board meeting on June 20, 2018, and did not allow him to present documents he wanted to submit.

The AP-issued correction comes as a result of video evidence that shows President Cormier speaking to the June 20th CPRA board and submitting documents, which nullified both claims made by Cormier.

Correction: Diversion Project- Plaquemines Parish story

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BATON ROUGE, LA. - In a story June 20 about a diversion project in Plaquemines Parish, The Associated Press reported erroneously that parish President Amos Cormier said he was not allowed to submit documents to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority during a meeting. He did not say this. Cormier said the board refused to let him speak at the meeting. However, video footage of the meeting showed Cormier addressing the meeting and submitting documents. The Associated Press also reported erroneously that the board gave the parish until July 29 to allow soil borings in the Mississippi River levee near Ironton. The board gave the parish until June 29.

Mr. Cormier repeated the assertion in a June 24, 2018 WDSU TV interview, stating, “I went to the CPRA Board meeting just the other day and brought the two scientific studies and I was not allowed to speak.”

6/20/2018 CPRA Board Meeting Video Archive:

- Cormier’s comments start at 21:15 into the archived video of the June 20 meeting at <https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaCPRA/videos/2113632862226602/>.
- Mr. Cormier presented the documents, seen at about ten minutes into this segment of the meeting video at <https://www.facebook.com/LouisianaCPRA/videos/2113727505550471/>.

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