



# Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority



**Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, February 19, 2020**  
**State Capitol – House Committee Rm 5**  
**900 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street**  
**Baton Rouge, LA 70802**  
**9:30AM**

*The following constitute minutes of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board Meeting and are not a verbatim transcript of the proceedings. Audio and video recordings of the meetings are available for viewing and kept at the Office of the Governor-Coastal Activities Office in Baton Rouge, LA.*

**I. Call to Order**

**II. Roll Call**

Chairman Kline, Present, Executive Assistant, Coastal Activities  
King Milling, Absent, Governor's Advisory Commission  
Keith Lovell, Present, DNR  
Chris Knotts, Present, DOTD  
Cole Garrett, Present, LDWF  
Chuck Brown, Present, DEQ  
Pat Witty, Absent, LED  
Brad Spicer, Present, LDAF  
Barbara Goodson, Present, DOA  
James Waskom, Present, GOHSEP  
Jimmy Cantrelle, Present, Lafourche Parish President, East of Atchafalaya River  
Monica Gorman, Present, East of Atchafalaya River  
Bill Bubrig, Present, East of the Atchafalaya River  
Windell Curole, Present, South Lafourche LD, East of Atchafalaya River  
Bill Hidalgo, Present, West of Atchafalaya River  
Laurie Cormier, Absent, West of the Atchafalaya River  
Billy Broussard, Present, LDI  
Rep. Zeringue, Present, Ex-officio, Designee of the Speaker of the House  
Sen. Hensgens, Present, Ex-officio, Designee of the President of the Senate  
Mike Ince, Present, Ex-officio, Designee of the President of the Senate  
John Lane, Present, St. Bernard Parish, East of the Atchafalaya River



**III. Approval of Agenda**

Motion by Mr. Cantrelle  
Second by Mr. Curole  
Unanimously Approved

**IV. Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Mr. Hidalgo  
Second by Mr. Spicer  
Unanimously Approved

**V. Old Business/Announcements**

- The Chairman welcomed new appointees, Senator Hensgens and Representative Zeringue to the CPRA Board.
- Recognition of CPRA's employee of the quarter.

**VI. CPRA Implementation Update – Bren Haase, CPRA (Video 00:04:10)**

- Discussed \$130M awarded for Maurapas Swamp River Diversion and international attention focused on the restoration of Queen Bess/Pelican Island.
- Governors news conference on second term priorities will be held February 20, 2020 at the Center for River Studies.
- Review of CWPPRA authorizations, 106 currently active projects and projects out for bid.
- Deadline for comments is February 22, 2020.

**VII. 2020 Mississippi/Atchafalaya River Levels Forecast – Col. Stephen Murphy and Mark Wingate, USACE (Video 00:13:45)**

- Updated Board on MS River flood fight, currently in Phase 1.
- Based on current forecast, MS River not expected to reach flood levels of last year, does not anticipate opening of either the Bonnet Carre Spillway or Morganza.
- Massive demand nationally for dredging with limited capacity.
- Corps making strong efforts in improving communications within the MS River Valley.
- \$250M deepening effort to bring the MS river from the gulf to Baton Rouge to a depth of 50'. Looking into any beneficial work for the materials dredged.
- FY20 work plan included \$85M to deepen river.



**VIII. Bayou Chene Temporary Barge Operational Triggers**– *Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District (Video 00:45:46)*

- Briefed Board on flood risk areas and recap on 2011, 2016 and 2019 crests and flood fight.
- Discussion of permanent structure operations.

**IX. Outcome Based Performance Contracting Update** – *Maury Chatellier, CPRA (Video 01:07:30)*

- Refresher Board on history of OBPC, project goals and parameters and past accomplishments.
- Discussed roundtable discussions and recommendations.

**X. RESTORE Lowermost Mississippi River Management Program, LMRMP** – *Brian Lezina and Carol Parsons Richards, CPRA (Video 01:40:30)*

- Review of current river management, objective, background, stability and economic impacts.
- Also discussed multiple needs, changing regime, program efforts, synthesis & analysis of navigation dredge, land loss, neotectonics , physical models, forecasting capabilities and salt wedge dynamic modeling.

**XI. Coastal Week 2020 (Service Week)** – *Rachel Haney, CPRA (Video 02:09:24)*

- Coastal week is a week dedicated to celebrating resilience of coast, discussed some of the partnering organizations and volunteer opportunities.

**XII. Public Comment**

**XIII. Adjourn**

Motion by Mr. Knotts  
Second by Mr. Curole  
Unanimously Approved