Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 20, 2021
Virtual Meeting Only
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, Present, Governor’s Advisory Commission
Keith Lovell, Present, DNR
Chris Knotts, Present, DOTD
Jack Montoucet, Present, LDWF
Chuck Brown, Present, DEQ
Pat Witty, Present, LED
Joey Breaux, Present, LDAF
Pat Forbes, Present, DOA
James Waskom, Absent, GOHSEP
Scott Burke, Absent, Barataria Basin
Monica Gorman, Present, Pontchartrain Basin
Bill Bubrig, Present, Mississippi Delta Basin
Dwayne Bourgeois, Present, Terrebonne Basin
Bill Hidalgo, Present, Atchafalaya Basin
Laurie Cormier, Present, Calcasieu/Sabine Basin
Billy Broussard, Absent, LDI
Kelly Richard, Absent, Teche/Vermilion Basin
Rep. Zeringue, Present, Ex-officio, Designee of the Speaker of the House
Sen. Hensgens, Present, Ex-officio, Designee of the President of the Senate
Lt. Governor Nungesser, Absent, Lieutenant Governor
President McInnis, Present, Breton Sound Basin

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes
Motion by Mr. McInnis
Second by Mr. Bourgeois
Unanimously Approved

VIII. CPRA Implementation Update – Bren Haase, CPRA (Video # 00:40:47)

- 96 Active projects, 34 in construction, 52 in E&D, 10 in planning.
- Update on Grand Isle and vicinity West End Beach Nourishment project, 760K cubic yards of sand dredged, 1.23 miles of beach and dune, GOMESA funding source, $7.5M E&D budget, dredging began December 07, 2020, completed on January 11, 2021, created 82 jobs.
- Update on Terrebonne Basin Barrier Island and Beach Nourishment, $158M in construction, $6M budget, $167M E&D budget, NFWF borrower source, created 180 jobs.
- Update on Atchafalaya Delta WMA, 1,200’ bulkhead, 2 new 40’ long docks, 2 passes dredged, NRDA funding source, $2.9M in campground improvements and $830K in boat access, created 16 jobs.

IX. Oyster Lease Acquisition Compensation Program: Recommendations for Improvement – Bren Haase, CPRA; Larry Marino, Oats & Marino (Video 00:53:55)

- Briefed Board on origin of OLACP study and timeline, measures already implemented and recommended, and next steps.

Motion to approve a Resolution on the Oyster Lease Acquisition and Compensation Program: Recommendations for Improvement Submitted Following a Study by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Motion by Mr. Milling
Seconded by Mr. Hidalgo
Unanimously Approved

X. Youth Wetlands Program Online Learning Platform and Updated Lesson Plans Release – Brian Gautreau, LSU AgCenter Youth Wetlands and Education Outreach Program Coordinator (Video 01:44:33)

- Briefed Board on the LA 4-H youth wetlands program, new program changes, focuses on standard-based lessons, 2020 youth wetlands program lessons, personalized classrooms and YWP community hub.

XI. LSU Center for River Studies Virtual Tour (Video 01:56:25)

XIII. Public Comment – public comments may be made in person or submitted online at coastal@la.gov

XIV. Adjourn
Motion by Mr. Witty
Second by Ms. Gorman
Unanimously Approved