



Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, March 10, 2021
State Capitol – House Committee Room 5
900 North 3rd 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, Present, Governor’s Advisory Commission
Keith Lovell, Present, DNR
Patrick Landry, Present, DOTD
Jack Montoucet, Present, LDWF
Chuck Brown, Present, DEQ
Pat Witty, Present, LED
Joey Breaux, Present, LDAF
Barbara Goodson, Present, DOA
James Waskom, Present, GOHSEP
Scott Burke, Present, Barataria Basin (Nick Cali sat in for Mr. Burke as roll was called)
Monica Gorman, Absent, Pontchartrain Basin
Bill Bubrig, Present, Mississippi Delta Basin
Dwayne Bourgeois, Present, Terrebonne Basin
Bill Hidalgo, Absent, Atchafalaya Basin
Laurie Cormier, Absent, Calcasieu/Sabine Basin
Billy Broussard, Absent, LDI
Kelly Richard, Present, 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
Michael Ince, Present, Designee for the Lieutenant Governor
John Lane, Present, Breton Sound Basin

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Bourgeois
Second by Ms. Goodson
Unanimously Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes



Motion by Mr. Witty
Second by Mr. Montoucet
Unanimously Approved

V. Old Business/Announcements

**VI. Letter of Support for the Reinvesting in America's Shoreline Economies & Ecosystems (RISEE) Act –
Chairman Chip Kline (Video 00:02:36)**

**Motion to approve Letter of Support for the Reinvesting in America's Shoreline Economies &
Ecosystems (RISEE) Act**

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

VII. Governor's Proclamation Honoring Su King – Chairman Chip Kline (Video 00:05:45)

VIII. Governor's Proclamation Honoring John Lopez – Chairman Chip Kline (Video 00:30:08)

IX. Mid-Barataria Sediment Diversion (Video 00:41:18)

- **Draft Environmental Impact Statement – Jeff Varisco, USACE**
 - Briefed Board on engaged parties, MBSD milestones and USACE MBSD project webpage.
 - Also discussed comment portal, executive summary and MBSD draft EIS pyramid.

- **Draft Restoration Plan – Mel Landry, NOAA**
 - Recap of CPRA & LATIG responsibilities, Deepwater Horizon oil spill implications and LA TIG allocation of \$5B.
 - Also explained the PDARP, the Barataria Basin and strategic restoration plan and the 3 projects selected for further evaluation and planning.
 - Discussion of the draft phase II restoration plan and MBSD restoration objectives, NRDA & NEPA processes and how to comment.

- **Overview of MBSD Project – Bren Haase, Brian Lezina and Brad Barth, CPRA**
 - Gave Board an update on the MBSD draft environmental impact statement and draft restoration plan, the problems faced, details & operations, and estimated project costs.
 - Also discussed project benefits, marsh created and sustained, comparisons, storm surge protection as well as other project benefits.
 - Addressed economic & project impacts, mitigation/stewardship measures, and adverse impacts & mitigation measures, specifically dolphins decreased survival rates, and monitoring & adaptive management.



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- Also discussed brown shrimp & oyster mitigation totals, increased water levels, environmental justice, and outreach and engagement.

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

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XI. **Adjourn**

Motion by Mr. Burke
Second by Mr. Richard
Unanimously Approved