Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 21, 2021
LaSalle Building/LaBelle Room
617 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
Chris Knotts, Present, DOTD
Jack Montoucet, Present, LDWF
Chuck Brown, Present, DEQ
Pat Witty, Absent, LED
Joey Breaux, Present, LDAF
Barbara Goodson, Present, DOA
James Waskom, Present, GOHSEP
Scott Burke, Present, 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, Absent, Ex-officio, Designee of the Speaker of the House
Sen. Hensgens, Absent, Ex-officio, Designee of the President of the Senate
Michael Ince, Present, Designee for the Lieutenant Governor
President McInnis, Present, Breton Sound Basin

III. Approval of Agenda

    Motion by Ms. Cormier
    Second by Ms. Goodson
    Unanimously Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
V. Old Business/Announcements

VI. Implementation Update – Bren Haase, CPRA (Video #00026 00:09:10)

- Board was briefed on 93 active projects, 6 completed, Rabbit Island, Terrebonne Basin, and Spanish Pass Increment construction, as well as a Cameron-Creole freshwater introduction update.
- Public comments on Region wide TIG Restoration Plan/Environmental Assessment 1 closes May 06, 2021.

VII. FY 2022 Annual Plan Update – Bren Haase, CPRA (Video #00026 00:23:33)

- Discussed total projected expenditures by project phase for FY 2022 ($880M), 90% total project associated revenues & expenditures and timeline.
- Review of Southwest and South Central region, Trinity East Island and Southeast project highlights.
- Also a review of the Grand Isle West End Beach Nourishment project and the FY22 Atchafalaya Basin Plan.

Motion to approve the FY 2022 Annual Plan.

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

VIII. Atchafalaya River Basin & Enhancement Task Force – Brian Lezina, CPRA (Video #00027 00:02:55)

- Briefed Board on history of the plan, challenges to overcome, the first meeting of the ARBRE, identifying issues, implementation, solutions, and future planning and projects and timeline.
- Charged with providing the Governor recommendations by September 2021.

IX. Legislative Session Update – Russell Caffery, CPRA (Video #00027 00:13:05)

- Discussion of 2021 CPRA legislation to include SCR 9, SB 87, SB 88, SLFPAE & W, HB 626, HB 643, HCR 6, SB 226, HB 569, SB 233, SB 122 and HB 239.

X. Mississippi River High Water Update – Ignacio Harrouch, CPRA (Video #00028 00:09:50)
• Discussion of the MS river and its tributaries, lower MS flood potential summary, winter snowfall, precipitation probability – three-month outlook, USACE flood storage capacity and MS river 28-day forecast.
• Also discussed flood crest travel times, consecutive days above flood stage, hydrographs, flood fight triggers, and flood control structures.

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

XII. Adjourn

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