Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, May 19, 2021
Center for Coastal & Deltaic Solutions, Riverfront Gallery Rm.
1110 River Road S.
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
Pat Landry, Present, DOTD
Patrick Banks, Present, LDWF
Chuck Brown, Present, DEQ
Pat Witty, Present, LED
Joey Breaux, Present, LDAF
Pat Forbes, Present, DOA
James Waskom, Absent, 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, Absent, Calcasieu/Sabine Basin
Billy Broussard, Absent, LDI
Rep. Zeringue, Present, 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 Mr. Landry
Second by Mr. Milling
Unanimously Approved

IV. Approval of Minutes
Motion by Mr. Brown  
Second by Mr. Hidalgo  
Unanimously Approved  

V. In Memoriam – Morgan Nicole Crutcher – Chairman Kline  

VI. Old Business/Announcements  

VII. Implementation Update/Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion Update – Bren Haase, CPRA (Video #00034 00:24:53)  

- Board was briefed on 94 active projects, construction updates, Larose to Golden Meadow, future constructions and Morganza to the Gulf construction updates.  
- Review of completed, proposed and smaller structured floodgates, update on Bayou Chene permanent barge floodgate, and Northwest Turtle Bay marsh creation and nourishment construction.  
- Discussion of Mid-Barataria DEIS public comment period, meetings scheduled in the next 2 weeks and outreach recipients.  

VIII. 2021 Hurricane Season Forecast – Lauren Nash, National Weather Service (Video #00034 00:35:43)  

- Review of 2021 hurricane season names, explanation of LaNina to neutral and its influence on the weather, also discussed ACE graph and projected forecast as on April 08, 2021.  
- New PSurge forecasting was discussed, explanation of the cone, wireless emergency alerts, tropical products timeline, NHC tropical outlooks and official forecast advisory.  
- Also talked about wind speed probabilities, times of arrival graphs, potential storm surge, and inundation graphs.  

IX. 2021 Hurricane Season Preparedness Briefings: (Video #00035 00:14:44)  

a. United States Army Corps of Engineers – Col. Stephen Murphy  

- Overview of the Key MVN command and control locations, infrastructure, waterways and locks, collaboration between agencies, New Orleans district projects, inundation mapping and BB-18 studies.  

b. Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority – Ignacio Harrouch  

- Briefed Board on emergency management protocols prior, during and after an event, keys to tropical storm operations, the levee information management system, and hurricane gage monitoring system.  

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Also discussion of the ADCIRC surge guidance system, hydrograph examples, and compound flood inundation guidance system.

c. Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness – Mike Steele

- Discussion of GOHSEP’s mission, emergency coordination, resource request support, state support to local communities, and 2021 hurricane seasonal forecasting.
- Also discussed challenges face in 2020, non-congregate sheltering overview and overcoming obstacles.

X. Legislative Session Update – Russell Caffery, Governor’s Office (Video #00037 00:00:24)

- Review of legislative bills SCR 9, SB 87 and SB 88.

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

XII. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Gorman
Second by Mr. Brown
Unanimously Approved