

RESTORE LOUISIANA TASK FORCE

July 14, 2017

Beacon Light of Baton Rouge

7500 Prescott Road

Baton Rouge, LA

Approved

MINUTES

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Jacqui Vines Wyatt called the meeting to order at 9:42 AM.

Ms. Wyatt: Good Morning, everyone. Welcome to our Restore Louisiana Task Force meeting. I'll ask Lori to call the roll.

II. ROLL CALL

TASK FORCE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mr. John Gallagher
Mr. Darryl Gissel
Representative Edward "Ted" James
Mr. Adam Knapp
Mr. Michael Olivier
Dr. James Richardson
Commissioner Mike Strain
Mayor Ollie Tyler
Ms. Jacqui Vines Wyatt

TASK FORCE MEMBERS ABSENT:

Mr. Johnny Bradberry
Mr. Randy Cloutre (non-voting, ex-officio)
Mr. Roland Dartez
Mr. Jimmy Durbin
Mr. Michael Faulk
Senator Dan "Blade" Morrish
Mayor Dave Norris
Mr. Don Pierson
Representative J. Rogers Pope
Mr. Sean Reilly
Mayor-President Joel Robideaux
Representative Rob Shadoin
Dr. Shawn Wilson

Ms. Dupont: 9 members are present. Madam Chair, we do not have a quorum.

SUPPORTING STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT:

Patrick Forbes, Executive Director, Office of Community Development
Mark Riley, Office of Community Development
Pat Santos, Office of Community Development
Dan Rees, Office of Community Development
Lauren Nichols, Office of Community Development
LaSonta Davenport, Office of Community Development
Lori Dupont, Office of Community Development
Pat Witty, Louisiana Economic Development
Catherine Fairchild, Office of Community Development
Portia Johnson, Office of Community Development
Kay LeSage, Office of Community Development
Jeff Haley, Office of Community Development
Robert Bizot, Louisiana Housing Corporation
Bradley Sweazy, Louisiana Housing Corporation
Keith Cunningham, Louisiana Housing Corporation
Nick Speyrer, Emergent
Jon Mabry, IEM
Madhu Beriwal, IEM

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III. APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2017 MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Wyatt: Without a quorum we cannot vote for the approval of the June 9, 2017 meeting minutes, therefore, we will address those minutes at our next meeting.

IV. CHAIRPERSON OPENING REMARKS

~ Jacqui Vines Wyatt, Restore Louisiana Task Force Co-Chair

Ms. Wyatt: A very special thank you to Pastor Williams for hosting the Restore Louisiana Task Force meeting here at this beautiful church, Beacon Light of Baton Rouge. I would also like to thank Representative James for assisting Lori on securing this beautiful location to host our meeting today. Being this is his church, I'm sure he is here every Sunday. Also, we want to thank Pastor Raymond Jetson for his service to the task force. He has decided to step down from this committee. We welcome Mr. Darryl Gissel to the task force and look forward to working with him on restoring Louisiana. We decided to hold this task force meeting in North Baton Rouge because using our data analysis, over 46% of the flood victims in this area, with FEMA verified loss, have not filled out the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program survey. That calculates to 11,439 missing surveys. We are hoping to reach some of those victims here today and assist them in the survey step of the process. As some of you may have noticed upon arriving for the meeting, there are tables set up in the reception area of the church. At one table are representatives from the Homeowner Assistance Program who can help submit surveys and answer questions homeowners may have. The other table has representatives from Southeast Louisiana Legal Services and Southern University Law Center to provide information and assistance to homeowners who have legal issues, such as inherited property, title issues, etc. It is heartening to begin another task force meeting with a positive update on the additional families who have been served through the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Program. We now have over 31,000 flood victims who have completed the Restore Louisiana Homeowner Assistance Program survey. While we are excited that this number continues to grow, we know that there are still nearly 20,000 families out there who are eligible for program assistance who have not completed the survey, so we will continue our outreach to those affected who have not taken the initial survey. More than 16,000 Environmental Reviews have been completed. All of Phase I and Phase II, and more than half of Phase III, have been invited into the application process. That calculates to 7,485 flood victims moving into the application process, of which more than 3,200 of those applications are complete. As of last week, 25 flood victims received an award through the homeowner assistance program. That equates to \$850,000 of the funds allocated to Louisiana getting out to Louisiana homeowners. By the end of this week, we expect that number to rise to 55 flood victims, totaling \$1.87 million dollars. With all of the numbers I just went through, substantial and meaningful strides have been made since our last meeting. During the meeting Pat Forbes with the Office of Community Development will provide updates on the homeowner, small business and rental, and FEMA PA match programs. I'll close my opening remarks with this extremely important reminder, if you are a homeowner and were impacted by the March and August floods of 2016, PLEASE TAKE THE HOMEOWNER FLOOD DAMAGE SURVEY. It does not matter where you are in your rebuilding process. We need to know what kind of help you need in recovery. This is also the first step in applying and qualifying for assistance. Please visit RESTORE-dot-LA-dot-GOV. We will have a public comment period during the meeting. Anyone interested in making public comments, please fill out a card located on the information center podium in the lobby. At this time I'd like to ask Ms. Erin Monroe Wesley, Special Counsel to the Governor, to come up and provide the Governor's Office update.

V. GOVERNOR'S OFFICE UPDATE

~ Erin Monroe Wesley, Special Counsel, Office of the Governor

Ms. Wesley: Good Morning Madam Chair and Members of the Restore Louisiana Task Force. I too want to thank Pastor Eric Williams for opening the doors of Beacon Light for today's task force meeting. Governor Edwards has often talked about his faith and has continued to ask citizens across the state to join their prayers with his

prayers as we bind together in support of a full statewide recovery from the devastating floods of 2016. The Governor is currently attending the National Governor's Association meeting in Rhode Island where he is sharing the state's work to develop sound flooding resiliency and mitigation strategies. Governor Edwards will join Governor Asa Hutchinson on tomorrow in co-facilitating a session entitled "Preparing for the Extreme: Building Resilient Communities." The two guest speakers for the session include FEMA Administrator Brock Long and Michael Berkowitz, President of 100 Resilient Cities and a Managing Director of the Rockefeller Foundation. The Governor will shed light on the glaring gap between immediate disaster mass sheltering options and long-term recovery housing options. He will also share the work of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to develop a Volunteer and Donated Resources Training Program that will support parishes, municipalities, and volunteer agencies across the State during times of disaster. This volunteer engagement strategy will promote resiliency by empowering communities to take an active role in disaster preparedness and recovery, while simultaneously lessening their financial burden through the utilization of volunteer offsets. The Governor will also promote the work of the Louisiana Business Emergency Operations Center (BEOC) to provide disaster-specific communications from GOHSEP to industry associations and almost 2,200 registered member organizations and businesses. Finally, the Governor will share the state's current and future mitigation efforts focused primarily on watershed planning. At our last meeting the task force approved a recommended allocation of \$9.8 million towards watershed planning or infrastructure enhancement. We will follow up that conversation with a briefing today by FEMA on its watershed study and an update on the Comite Diversion Project. As the chair noted in her opening comments, we are continuing to encourage those impacted by the 2016 floods to visit with their family and friends and ask that they take and complete the homeowner flood damage survey. It is necessary to complete the survey in order to participate in the program. Homeowners may access it online at restore.la.gov or call 1-866-735-2001 Monday through Friday from 8-6 p.m. Case managers will gladly help homeowners complete the survey and answer any questions they may have. Beginning next week, the Restore Program will continue its statewide outreach tour to assist homeowners with the survey and application. Events were held in Monroe and Shreveport this week. They have proven very successful and the program will continue to make the process as accessible as possible to those who were impacted and are working hard every day to recover and rebuild. We have four homeowner assistance centers open across the state to help all flood-impacted residents as well. The centers are located in Baton Rouge, Monroe, Lafayette, and Hammond. We also know that there are those impacted by the flood who want to seek help but are uncertain whether the program will provide any assistance to them because they lived in the home of a loved one and never obtained legal title to the property. The Kellogg Foundation and the Baton Rouge Area Foundation have provided grant dollars to several groups, including Louisiana Appleseed, the Southern University Law Center, and Southeastern Legal Services to provide free legal help for homeowners with title problems. It is my understanding that we have representatives from the law center and Southeastern Legal Services here today to assist individuals on site with their title needs. I would like to close by encouraging those in attendance and those participating via our live stream to reach out to our office to secure the support and resources you need to recover from the March and August floods.

Ms. Wyatt opened the floor for questions.

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Mr. Knapp: Erin, are there conversations on the probability of another appropriation between the Governor and the congressional delegation?

Ms. Wesley: We are still having those conversations. He is meeting to talk about potential changes to the Stafford Act and other kinds of legislative approaches but on the financial side we are thinking about a fall kind of allocation or appropriation process. We know that Congressman Scalise had been taking the lead on that, obviously he's been in and out due to his health but we are working not only with Congressman Scalise but the entire delegation so we are still trying to think through what that approach looks like and again a big part of that is ensuring that the dollars that we have are being expended appropriately and so that is why we encourage all those folks who have been impacted to complete the survey process, to get those funds out the door and then to properly request additional allocations. So, we are still thinking through the strategy around it.

Mr. Gissel: Has there been any progress on the title clean-up process?

Ms. Wesley: I don't have a sense in terms of numbers. We can certainly ask the folks that are outside to maybe share with us the progress towards that but I know there has been a lot of support, particularly from the Southern University Law Center. I know they have been in and out working with the clinic but I don't have a sense in terms of how many folks have been helped.

Mr. Gallagher: Is there a status on the public match assistance?

Ms. Wesley: I think Mr. Forbes will address that in his comments.

Mr. Gallagher: Thank you.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

Ms. Wyatt: I understand that Pastor Williams is here and we cannot come into your place that God chose you to lead and not have you do an opening prayer. Sorry to put you on the spot.

Representative James: Madam Chair, before he prays, I want to welcome you guys. It's already been alluded that this is my church but it is also Senator Barrow's district. This church, the week before the flood, we had just renovated the church and we had one service here and then the flood. We had about six feet in here. The Pastor worked extremely hard, not only to bring the church back, but he was giving out sheetrock to both, not only our church, but in this community and we were back here on November 20th. He worked extremely hard to get us back here and I want to publicly thank him for his work, not only in these walls but throughout our community. I didn't grow up in this church, I met him. One of the blessings about campaigning, you get to visit a lot of churches and I didn't grow up in his church, I spent most of my life in another church, but I met him and continue to come back and through his and our relationship, not only as a pastor but as a friend, my wife and I are members here and I want to publicly thank you for not only what he's done for the community but the blessing he's been to my family. Thank you.

Pastor Williams gave an opening prayer.

VI. LOUISIANA OFFICE OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

~ Patrick Forbes, Executive Director

Mr. Forbes: I would like to thank Pastor Williams for sharing this fantastic space with us. It's fantastic. It's exciting to be here in North Baton Rouge. We have not had a meeting up here yet and I'm thrilled to be here.

Mr. Forbes began his PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint can be found on restore.la.gov website. During the presentation, Mr. Forbes was joined at the witness table by Mr. Bizot and Ms. Sweazy to discuss the Rental Programs, and Ms. Davenport to discuss the Small Business Program.

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Ms. Wyatt allowed questions during the presentation so the floor was never officially opened.

Mr. Olivier: I'd like to inquire about the profits vs. non-profits and the conversation at the last meeting.

Mr. Forbes: The question was relative to the neighborhood landlord program and that particular question came from an individual regarding a proposed development with over one hundred units, so it would not be eligible for this because it is not less than seven units, however we have absolutely gone back and looked at it to see if it does make sense for us to expand to for profit for new construction and at this point in time and what we decided was, again based on what I was saying earlier, we think that we need to perform more outreach, give this program with its current criteria more time to work before we do that. We're certainly not closing the door on the vitality of that but the fact is that the nonprofits, if they get the money and get the units back in service, their mission is providing long term affordable rentals for people of low to moderate income, we know from our experiences with Katrina/

Rita funding of for profit developers and it makes all the sense in the world not saying there's anything wrong with it but when the affordability requirement runs out they go back to market rates and that could be five years, seven years or something like that. We firmly believe that we are going to get more affordable years of rent the more that we can subscribe these programs with the current criteria. We're certainly not closing the door, we've got to build affordable rental housing and we know that what the conclusion we came to was we wanted to extend this deadline and see where we are and then make that decision at a later date and we didn't think we were prepared to do that in June because of that.

Representative James: Madam Chair, I have a question along the same lines. With the thirty-five, which of those are rehab or new construction?

Mr. Bizot: It's probably a seventy-five percent new construction and twenty-five percent rehab. But I also want to make note that we are also running the city's entitlement sanction fund which is the Baton Rouge Rebuild Program which is serving low to moderate landlords themselves, which is in addition to the units that you see here, and I just want to make note that as we're doing these on the ground outreaches specifically for the rebuild program we're learning that we have some applicants that we can actually include in the landlord program, so it's a dual purpose outreach that we're having with these and you know I'm on the ground meeting with these applicants and it is the first time some of these applicants are hearing about the programs. I know that there is a serious issue, there is going to be occurring with blight if we continue to not try to address some of the for profit owners of the properties during the time of the storm I also reached out to Earl Randall with HUD and he's confirmed that we're going to get with the HUD PR to start developing morning talk shows and record segments to go on TV and radio. Perfect example of the SBA letters that I sent out and had one come in just yesterday, we were working through applications to see if she received SBA. I checked my list she would have received one of these SBA letters as of Monday and she would have been informed of this program. I think these methods of outreach are going to definitely get the word out there and solidify the fact that the current policies are effective.

Representative James: Back to the for-profits vs. non-profits, are for-profits prohibited from new construction and rehab?

Mr. Bizot: The current policy, in the action plan, states that for-profits are eligible to apply to this program if they owned the development at the time of the storm.

Representative James: And I didn't mean to ask just about Baton Rouge but all of the parishes, what is the percentage of rehab versus new construction? Is it the same twenty-five, seventy-five?

Mr. Bizot: It's right around there and it's been because of the fact that we need to talk to these mom and pops and make them understand that this process is something that's going to be effective. I mean the way that the policies are written right now that it's essential, it's a really good deal for them, we're helping two people, and we are helping the landlords and the tenants in the end. This is the ability for them to have rehab product, give a five year affordable unit to a tenant, and potentially have that forgiven if they abide by the policies.

Representative James: Can we, in advance of the August 16th deadline, start to transition a program to include for-profits so we don't have to come back to us for another approval? I'm very sensitive to the affordability aspect but again I'm looking at 10.7 of 45 and if we have for-profits that can come in, I don't want us to go without making some strides.

Mr. Forbes: We absolutely will be evaluating up until the end and I'm not certain that pulling the trigger on it before then is appropriate. I think that what we really want is more information at this point and if that information tells us we're going to spend all this money on non-profits, then we may at that point come to you and say look, we think the smartest thing to do is to leave it the way it is but if it looks like we're just not going to hit the marks, then yes, we may come to you next meeting and say let's roll it over and jigger the process a little bit so that we can get these things built.

Dr. Richardson: Pat, on the small business program, these are decisions that the Office of Community Development is making about extensions?

Mr. Forbes: Yes, sir.

Dr. Richardson: And about the actual granting of the loans?

Ms. Davenport: Our lenders are receiving applications and based on the guidelines that the program established they are making the decisions regarding eligibility through those guidelines so the lenders are reviewing the applications and making the decisions.

Mr. Knapp: Our subcommittee of this task force, economic development had a meeting last week, Mr. Olivier, myself, Sean Reilly and Secretary Pierson from the task force on the economic development subcommittee, we welcome anyone else who wants to participate and obviously I think anyone not on the task force or on that subcommittee would want to give input to the small business loan would welcome it. We were really concerned about the uptake rate, staff has been responsive to that. Twenty-six completed applications is wholly inadequate for the program. We recognize that we don't know a lot about the status of small business recovery, there's very little data available about the impact and the recovery rate of small businesses across the state and if this is the primary tool that OCD and the state have to go out and do what SBA business loans were unable to do or need to supplement what they were able to do. If this is not working, we definitely need to pivot. If you can do the math on the number of applicants and the amount of available funds we've got a long way to go before the \$51M set aside for small business services could be even potentially reached and so what Pat illustrated and went through remains very important. More marketing out of the program has been broadened to all types of small businesses so those in the room who have network to small businesses, please help us share the availability of this program to small businesses in your communities. Hold hearings, hold public meetings, we've been talking to our peers in the chamber of commerce world across the state to make sure they're doing more to get businesses in or share news about how the program works. Second, this survey that Pat and Ms. Davenport described is that really trying to find a way to understand the rate of recovery, the challenges businesses are facing. Third, should be a series of meetings to try to gather input about program design. Meeting with commercial lenders in the communities, credit unions, other banks that have personal relationships with businesses, to find out the status of their clients, show them the program design and ask them if they're any modifications that should be made to the program design or going to go in a completely different direction that has been made and the sense was this all needs to be happening in the next thirty to sixty days to make a pivot as quickly as possible if we need to do something differently, whether minor tweaks or a whole change to the program to try to make sure that we're doing what's necessary to be responsive to small businesses.

Mr. Forbes: Thank you. I want to say how valuable that is for us. Of course we get feedback from the lenders all the time about what things need to be changed but having the task force subcommittee working on this.

Mr. Knapp: I should add, there was a piece of the program that was for small business technical assistance to be provided to the Small Business Development Centers. We recognized last week in our conversation that \$800,000 has been held aside to piggyback essentially this loan program. We asked them to make a tweak to that, to not just tie it to loans but to start going out and doing, providing technical assistance to any businesses regardless if they want to take advantage of the loan program or not. That technical assistance can work with small businesses to think through their recovery regardless of whether this is a good product for them or not. That was really the intention of that, was to be able to get out across the state. The Small Business Development Center network is a statewide network, north, south, east and west Louisiana, and that's a good means by which to get out in and find out the status of businesses and potentially to help them learn about the program that is available to them, should it be the right product for them. Again, this is a zero percent interest loan up to \$50,000 of which \$10,000 can be potentially forgivable, so it can essentially be the form of a grant. So, that's a hugely different tool than what the SBA had been providing before and it might really be helpful on small businesses to be able to get some services.

Commissioner Strain: I would just like to say again, our farmers are very, very appreciative of what we are doing. It isn't a lot of money compared to the overall losses but it will help dramatically and the idea is to get them back in business, keep those communities in business. We had three meetings yesterday in Welsh, Crowley and Opelousas. Today we are meeting in Hammond, then we are going to start meeting in central and north Louisiana. I know before I left yesterday there were over seventy farmers at Welsh from its community. So, we do expect the same numbers in Crowley and Opelousas and of course Hammond and we are now going to name the next meeting sites in central and north Louisiana. Thank you.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

VII. PRESENTATIONS

- i. FEMA BRIEFING ON WATERSHED STUDY**
- ii. COMITE DIVERSION PROJECT**
- iii. NATURAL & CULTURAL RESOURCES RSF**

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Ms. Wyatt: Okay, we have quite a few presentations today. First we have Mr. Casey Tingle with the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness and Ms. Shona Gibson with FEMA. Welcome.

Mr. Tingle and Ms. Gibson immediately began the PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint can be found on the restore.la.gov website.

Ms. Wyatt opened the floor for questions.

Mayor Tyler: I really hope there is a plan to have studies done in the northwestern part of the state.

Ms. Gibson: Yes ma'am.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

Mr. Wyatt: Next we have a presentation on the Comite Diversion Project provided by Mr. Chris Knotts with the Department of Transportation and Development. Welcome.

Mr. Knotts: Thank you, Madam Chair. First I'd like to apologize for Dr. Wilson, who unfortunately cannot be here today.

Mr. Knotts began his PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint can be found on the restore.la.gov website.

Ms. Wyatt opened the floor for questions.

Commissioner Strain: Do you have a ballpark timeline?

Mr. Knotts: If the funds were allocated, we estimate a 3-5 year range for completion.

Mr. Knapp: I think we should push forward as a task force. The Corps has failed to complete the project. We need alternative ways for funding. The tax payers are paying for something that hasn't been delivered. We should change our course from waiting on the Corps of Engineers and find other sources for this project.

Mr. Knotts: We are currently looking at alternative funding possibilities for the project to progress. We are looking to see if CDBG and HMGP funds can be utilized. I know the Secretary and the Governor have spoken. This wouldn't be the silver bullet but a big piece of the puzzle. We just all have to keep in mind that as time passes, the more expensive this project gets.

Mr. Knapp: We also have to keep in mind that the lack of action for this project is depressing homeowners and could be stopping them from accessing the program.

Mr. Knotts: Absolutely. I agree with you.

Dr. Richardson: I know other funding options are being sought but is the Corps responsible?

Mr. Knotts: The Corps will allow us to do the project ourselves but it is their responsibility.

Dr. Richardson: Is the Corps comparing this project to other projects across the United States?

Mr. Knotts: Yes, they do send to headquarters for review because of cost benefit ratio.

Commissioner Strain: Do we know how much funding is needed for phase II?

Mr. Knotts: I don't have that number here with me but I will say that we are ready to go.

Mr. Knapp: I know there is the Infrastructure RSF and a few of our members are a part of that support function. There are many road blocks that we have spoken of numerous times before. Have we looked at other program allocations that go unused and thought about repurposing them? If not, this may be something we need to consider.

Commissioner Strain: I would definitely make a formal request for the next phase to begin.

Representative James: I would like to echo what Adam and the others have said on this, piece by piece. Especially the capital outlay funds. That's a large bulk of money. I think members of Congress need to step up, it has to be more than Congressman Graves going to bat for this.

Mr. Knotts: I do know that Senator Cassidy has a representative working on this and so does Congressman Graves.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

Ms. Wyatt: Before we move to our last presentation I would like to welcome Senator Bodi White to our task force meeting today. Senator White, did you want to say a few words?

Senator White: Thank you, Madam Chair. I also have here with me Mr. Larry Bankston. I know there are a lot of talks going on about the Comite/Amite watershed. I think the state needs to be more resilient. People are leaving if it happens again. Being chosen to sit on this task force, as friends of the Governor, you are the commission charged with making sure projects like this get not only funded, but completed. Louisiana is a coastal community and will always be affected by tidal surges. I think the task force should be encumbered to work with the rest of the state. I understand the Governor and GOHSEP doesn't want to spend homeowner dollars on this project but it is criminal for that money to be paid by tax payers and the project not be done. Our citizens are concerned.

Mr. Knapp: I think CDBG funds are much more flexible than HMGP funds, and are much larger.

Senator White: I think there is funds in Louisiana. Funds left over from Gustav. Are there funds available to be used elsewhere? We all know there has never been an urge from the Corps for this project. \$100M is not that much money.

Mr. Forbes: Per the federal register notice published by HUD, the funds are available as a match with a maximum of \$250,000 towards a Corps project.

Ms. Wesley: We received a letter from FEMA regarding the Comite Diversion, what funding could and could not be used for. We are looking at options to proceed and there is a way and the Governor is working towards that.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

Ms. Wyatt: I'd like to call Mr. Mitchell Aleshire with the Department of Tourism and Mr. Willis Gainer with the Department of Interior to provide the Natural & Cultural Resources RSF presentation.

Mr. Aleshire and Mr. Gainer began their PowerPoint presentation. The PowerPoint can be found on the restore.la.gov website.

Ms. Wyatt opened the floor for questions.

Mr. Olivier: I know the Lt. Governor has developed a post-it response system. Is that found beneficial?

Mr. Aleshire: Yes and it was a large scale implementation.

Ms. Wyatt closed the floor for questions.

VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

- **Charlette Minor, representing self** – Spoke on the rental considerations she spoke about at the last task force meeting.
- **Paula Jones Collins, representing self** – Spoke on her experience with the homeowner program and offered different ideas and advice on different changes that could help the program be more enticing and effective for homeowners.

IX. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Wyatt: In tab 9 of your binders is a Save the Date for the Governor’s Kick-Off and Vermilion River Watershed Summit. This is a collaborative event to support a regional approach to resilience. The kickoff will include an address by Governor John Bel Edwards and an introduction to the Louisiana Watershed Resiliency Study. GOHSEP task force update in tab 10. Per request of the task force, OCD has provided us with the AMI Tiers and a Glossary of Terms in tabs 11 and 12. Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, August 18. Lori will be sending out the location details soon.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned at 12:28 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jacqui Vines Wyatt
Co-Chair of the Restore Louisiana Task Force

Date Approved: August 18, 2017

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