**ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA’S**

**ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND RESTORATION MEETING**

**Tuesday, March 30 2021 at 2:00 p.m.**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 2:01pm

**II. Roll Call**

Allmembers present. Blake Canfield, Mollie Montelaro and Tyler McCloud also present.

**III. Approval of Minutes (3.11.2021)**

Lindsay motioned to approve the minutes, Barry seconded the motion

**IV. Discussion of Operational Plan and Legislative Recommendations**

Barry and Lori agreed that the commission must be aligned on the goal of the commission.

Lori noted that the purpose of the commission is broad and that it would be helpful to narrow the scope.

Brian mentioned his history with OERB and the it, as well as SOER, aligns with and works in tandem with the goals of CLEER. OERB/SOER would be a good model to follow.

Barry mentioned that the language within the act is very similar to that of OERB (formed in 1993) and that the model is working. CLEER would be able to learn from the lessons learned from OERB. CLEER should determine the deliverables promised to legislature.

Blake Canfield noted that, due to COVID, the commission was late in forming and that it is reasonable to think CLEER would be late in meeting the deadline of 7.1.2021 to implement the plan.

Greg indicated best to find and narrow the focus based on what already exists in LA.

Brian brought up the question of revenue.

Barry questioned ways for LMOGA to gather information and items of interest to the commission.

Lori & Nathan LMOGA will pull together any information that will be relevant and beneficial to CLEER. Nathan indicated that he would go to membership for any information that the commission may want. Nathan requested guidance on the specific information that the commission is interested in.

Barry indicated best for CLEER to break down the act and requests into smaller pieces.

Lindsay noted best to ID early the smaller topics and build from there, bullet point out the items. Start with an item such as educational side. Would get challenging shortly thereafter.

Brian said to go to the OERB CEO on the genesis of their program. Why it originated and the funding of the program. Use that info to learn how best to tackle the bullet points CLEER identifies. With education, communications are a big part of that. The funding is in the classroom with materials, teacher programs and then a large part of the money goes to the remediation programs handled through third party. Have to ID that there is a problem with abandoned oil fields or other issues and develop the check off program that O&G willing to commit something along lines of 1/10 of one percent. This is how OERB and SOER formed. Beyond a funding stream, the communications platform is a large part of it.

Dean asked what the goal is? To make recommendations? What can we as CLEER could do to improve the industry in LA? Many issues faced by oil operators in the state. Noted that permitting and orphan wells are both major issues LA. Questioned the process of the orphan well program, who manages, how what wells are chosen.

Between severance tax and legacy lawsuits have people and companies hesitant to come to Louisiana.

Education would be a good starting place. Public not well educated as a whole on the issues. General public doesn’t realize the amount that the O&G industry puts back into the economy.

Barry: IS education a common starting point for the CLEER to understand what is in place, what we do and can do.

Brian: From Orphan Well standpoint, the funding that will come to states from Biden admin earmarked for orphan and abandoned wells.

Blake: we’ve heard of the proposed bill that would be part of infrastructure bill at fed level. Large amount of the money for each state. There are three potential buckets of money to come to the state. The exact amount not clear, Blake to find the draft of the proposed legislation.

Barry – orphan well program has a limited budget to operate out of, where the well counts are vs. the costly ones to plug there are two different stories.

There are roughly 4,000 orphan wells in LA, about 3K are on private lands. Mostly all on land and in the Monroe ($10-15K range to p&a), Shreveport area ($10Kish range), Inland waters is $200k average a well. The cost increases with the depth and in vs offshore.

Brian suggested having Interstate Oil and Gas Contact Commission, intense focus of working with regulation and idle and abandoned wells.

Follow up on the two focus points as a starting point.

Pat Mobert in Lafayette had a presentation that may be of interest and use with CLEER. Number of years old but worthwhile. Greg to get info and presentation. If he cannot get, Blake or Mollie can get info from Brent Campbell, Cassandra or Roby. (a) What is budget (b)process and how OSR allocates funds (c) obstacles they (OSR) may see as well as success stories for our benefit and education as well.

Request for LMOGA to share educational program that may be pf use/interest to the group. See what resources may be available. Barry will request same from LOGA.

On OK side, there is educational committee. Similar in LA? LMOGA to check with their comms director to see what she may be aware of.

Brian to meet with OERB leaders to see availability to share the start of and what OERB does.

**V. Announcements**

Mollie to send out meeting date options for meeting #3, Brian to coordinate with OERB leadership to lock in their availability.

**VI. Public Comment**

No public comments were made

**VII. Adjourn**

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