



Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority



Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 19, 2023
LaSalle Building (LaBelle Room)
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, Executive Assistant, Coastal Activities	Present
Keith Lovell, DNR	Present
Billy Williamson, DOTD	Present
Matthew Weigel, LDWF	Present
Celena Cage, DEQ	Present
Pat Witty, LED	Present
Caitilin Joubert, LDAF	Present
Barbara Goodson, DOA	Present
Billy Broussard, LDI	Present
Casey Tingle, GOHSEP	Present
Simon Maloz, Gov's Advisory Comm- CoChair	Present
Scott Burke, Barataria Basin	Present
Monica Gorman, Pontchartrain Basin	Present
Bill Bubrig, Plaquemines Parish Coastal Zone/ Mississippi Delta Basin	Present
Dwayne Bourgeois, Terrebonne Basin	Present
Bill Hidalgo, Atchafalaya Basin	Present
Laurie Cormier, Calcasieu/Sabine Basin	Present
Stephen Sagrera, Teche/Vermillion Parish	Present
Michael Ince, Designee for the Lieutenant Governor	Absent
Mr. Ronnie Alonzo for Pres. McInnis, Breton Sound Basin	Present
Rep. Zeringue, Ex-officio, Designee of the Speaker of the House	Absent
Sen. Hensgens, Ex-officio, Designee of the President of the Senate	Absent

III. Approval of Agenda

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

IV. Approval of Minutes

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

V. Old Business/Announcements

- **Chuck Perrodin Memorial Video (Former CPRA Communications Officer)**



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VI. **CPRA Implementation Update— Bren Haase, CPRA (video: 00:00:00)** Mr. Haase presented to the board that there are 100 active projects. 40 of them are in construction, 57 are in E&D, with 3 more in the planning stage. Of the projects now being constructed, 26 are hurricane protection projects and 39 are creating marsh. Mr. Haase updated the board on the following projects: **Grand Cheniere Ridge and Marsh Creation (Plaquemines Parish)** This project will create to date creating 340+ acres of marsh, this projected is funded by \$65 Million (NRDA) Natural Resource Damage Assessment; **Lake Borgne Marsh Creation:** The project is located in St. Bernard Parish. It's about a \$ 114.6 million project coming from NRDA funds which will restore approximately 2,769 acres of marsh; Mr. Haase closed by announcing dates for the upcoming Atchafalaya NERR Scoping meetings in mid-April. He also recognized one of CPRA's own Krista Jankowski, PhD for receiving the Tulane University School of Science and Engineering 2023 Outstanding Service Young Alumna Award.

VII. **2023 Coastal Master Plan Update— Bren Haase and Stuart Brown, CPRA (video:00:00:00)** Mr. Haase and Mr. Brown briefed the members on the 2023 Coastal Master Plan highlighting the key factors of the plan:

- Prioritization effort
- How can the state spend its money most cost-effectively over the next 50 years to reduce storm surge-based flood risk and restore and maintain coastal wetlands?
- Developed through a process that ensures adaptive management
- Required by law to be updated every 6 years
- Built on world class science and engineering
- Advances a comprehensive and integrated approach to restoration and risk reduction
- Incorporates extensive public input and review
- Illustrates how people and communities will experience a changing coast to allow preparation and adaptation into the future.

The Master Plan Process (Projects, Modeling and Prioritization (Planning Tool)). The plan includes 65 Restoration Projects, 12 Structural Risk Reduction Projects, and \$11B for Nonstructural Risk Reduction. The Restoration projects will include \$2.9 Billion new* diversions, landbridge projects, over \$19B in dredging projects and \$2.5B in Programmatic (Barrier Islands, small-scale hydrologic restoration, oyster reefs, shoreline protection). Mr. Brown also stated that under the Risk Reduction Projects in the plan, the Structural Risk Reduction includes, 12 projects and \$14B. The nonstructural Risk Reduction has \$11.2B of The Master plan budget is allocated toward nonstructural risk reduction measures, such as elevations, floodproofing, and voluntary acquisition. In closing, Mr. Haase echoed Chairman Kline's Master Plan statement noting: This level of investment could mean that in 50 years, under the lower environmental scenario, Louisiana has less flood risk from hurricanes and tropical storms than we do today.

- Ms. Maloz proposed a motion that the board moves favorably to adopt the Master Plan
- The Board unanimously approved



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VIII. **FY 2024 Annual Plan – Bren Haase,CPRA (video: 00:00:00)** Mr.Haase provided the board with an overview of the Final version of the FY 2024 Annual Plan. This plan is a \$1.62 Billion Investment in our Coast, with \$1.3 Billion being allocated for construction. 21 dredging projects slated for construction totaling 77.3 million cubic yards of sediment to create or nourish more than 14,578 acres. In the Southwest Region (21 Active Projects: 9 in Construction, 12 in E&D); South Central Region (48 Active projects: 24 in construction, 21 in E&D, 3 in Planning; Southeast Region (78 Active Projects: 50 in Construction, 25 in E&D, 3 in planning); Southeast Region (78 Active Projects: 50 in Construction, 25 in E&D, 3 in Planning).

- **Mr. Bourgeois proposed a motion that the board moves favorably to adopt the FY 2024 Annual Plan**

- **The Board unanimously approved**

(Mr. Neal McMillin sits in as Chairman)

IX. **Legislative Update– Olivia Ledet, Governor’s Office (video: 00:00:00)** Ms. Ledet updated the members on the 2023 Coastal Priorities for this Legislative Session:

SCR 6 by Sen. Hensgens, Approves the annual state integrated coastal protection plan for Fiscal Year 2024
SCR 17 by Sen. Hensgens & Rep. Zeringue, Approves the 2023 Coastal Master Plan for integrated coastal protection

HB 99 by Rep. Orgeron, Provides relative to the disposition of funds derived from alternative energy production in the coastal area

HB 116 by Rep. Orgeron, Provides relative to the disposition of funds derived from alternative energy production in the coastal area

HB 526 by Rep. Zeringue, Establishes and provides for the Louisiana Office of Resilience
\$157M Coastal Surplus Request

New Surplus Projects
Funded with fy22 budget surplus
25 Projects & programs
\$157.4 million total value

Crown Point Tidal Protection	\$24M
Grand Bayou Ridge Restoration/Canal Backfilling	\$3M
Northwest Little Lake Marsh Creation Increment 2	\$11.4M
Breton Landbridge Marsh Creation (West)	\$8M
Southwest Coastal Louisiana	\$13M
West Shore Lake Pontchartrain	\$13.2M
LaBranche Shoreline Protection Project	\$5.7M
Chandeleur Islands Restoration	\$2.7M
HNC Lock Complex (Phase 3)	\$6M
West Belle Headland Repairs	\$14M
Vermilion Ridge Restoration/Shoreline Protection	\$3.5M
St. Tammany Restoration Project (E&D)	\$0.4M
Amite River Diversion Canal Swamp Restoration	\$3M
St. Charles Crawford Canal/Sunset Pump Station	\$6M
Sugar Ridge Pump Station	\$5M
NLLD Levee Improvements (Including MTG)	\$8M
SLLD Levee Improvements (Including MTG)	\$5M
TLCD Levee Improvements (Including MTG)	\$5M
State Refuge Restoration	\$1M
Cameron Gulf Shoreline Protection Increment 2	\$6M
Schooner Bayou Restoration	\$1M
GIWW Shoreline Protection	\$2M
Atchafalaya Basin Program	\$3M
Restoration Partnerships	\$1M
Parish Matching Program	\$6M



X. **Federal Update – Neal McMillin, Governor’s Office (video: 0:0:00:00)** Mr. McMillin presented to the board updates on the Revenue Sharing Momentum. He highlighted the last Shores Fly-In:

72 Attendees conducted meetings with 71 Congressional Offices

- 30 HOUSE REPUBLICAN OFFICES
- 27 HOUSE DEMOCRATIC OFFICES
- 9 SENATE REPUBLICAN OFFICES
- 2 SENATE DEMOCRATIC OFFICES
- 64 COASTAL STATES OFFICES
- 5 GREAT LAKE STATES OFFICES
- 2 INTERIOR STATES OFFICES
- 11 MEMBERS ON KEY COMMITTEE OF JURISDICTION
- 17 ADDITIONAL VIRTUAL MEETINGS OFFERED

FOCUS STATES: 10 TX, 9 CA, 8 LA, 5 NY, 4 MI, 4 VA, 3 CT, 3 NC, 3MS, 3 AL

Mr. McMillin shared that the Lower Energy Costs Act Passed the House (H.R.1 Included Breeze Act)

The Breeze Act- Policies & Value:

- *Louisiana is forecasted to gain \$3.1 billion over 10 years (FY23 FY32) from removing the GOMESA cap and increasing the GOMESA percentage to 50 percent.*
- *Shared revenues would also increase by being exempted from budget sequestration, which routinely diminishes GOMESA revenues by around 6 percent.*
- *If BREEZE is passed ahead of this summer’s Gulf of Mexico offshore wind lease sale, then Louisiana could receive 50 percent of the proceeds, alongside Texas.*

RISEE Act Update:

‘PAYFOR’ CHALLENGE EMERGES IN SENATE

The RISEE Act sponsors reintroduced the exact version that passed unanimously through Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee in 2022, hoping to streamline passage through the committee this Congress.

Unfortunately, Chairman Manchin has required a ‘payfor’ to fully offset the \$11.6 billion budget score for RISEE Act before advancing it through the Committee.

Negotiators would like to avoid committing to this at this juncture, given the competitive nature of offsets. May 3rd is the first markup opportunity, but the RISEE Act is currently off the agenda.

SUPPORT GROWS IN HOUSE

Four members join the RISEE Act, bringing cosponsors total to nine. SHORES met with 2 of these members in March.

- Rep. Jimmy Panetta, D-CA
- Rep. Troy Nehls, R-TX
- Rep. David Trone, D-MD
- Rep. Sylvia Garcia, D-TX

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Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois made a motion to issue a declaration for support for the AG's suit on Risk Rating 2.0.

XI. Coastal Day and Week – Marina Clay, CPRA (video: 0:0:00:00) Ms. Clay announced to the board and the meeting attendants the dates and various events stemming around Coastal Day & Industry Week (April 24-28, 2023).

- *April 24th: 8:00 a.m. –Business to Business Networking & Matchmaking Event @LSU Center for River Studies*
- *12:00 p.m. –Lunch provided by Theodore Roosevelt Conservation Partnership- Oliver Pollock Room LDEQ Conference Center*
- *1:00 p.m. –Governor Edwards Briefing on Coastal Achievements 4thFloor Press Room of the Capitol*
- *2:00 p.m. –Outreach to Legislators-Memorial Hall and House and Senate Chamber at Louisiana State Capitol*

Tuesday, April 25

2:00 p.m. –Partner Led Coastal Construction Project Forecast

Wednesday, April 26

12:00 p.m. –CRMS Sites Capture Coastal Change

Insights from Louisiana's Coast wide Reference Monitoring System

Presented by Leigh Anne Sharp

Thursday, April 27

12:00 p.m. –Master Plan Data Viewer and Data Accessibility

Presented by Stuart Brown

Friday, April 28

12:00 p.m. –Louisiana's Coastal Vegetative Planting Program

Presented by Shane Faust

XII. Public Comment

XIII. Adjourn

Motion by Ms. Gautreaux

Second by Mr. Burke

Unanimously Approved