



Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration & Enhancement (ARBRE) Task Force
Tuesday, March 16, 2021
Cecilia Civic Center
2464 Cecilia High School Road
Breaux Bridge, LA 70157
3:00PM

The following constitute minutes of the Atchafalaya River Basin Restoration & Enhancement Task Force 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, Mr. Haase, Mr. Eitmann, Mr. Myers, Mr. Haydel, Mr. Hill, Mr. Milling, Mr. L. Blanchard, Mr. Tauzin, Mr. Sparks, Mr. V. Blanchard, Ms. Gautreaux, Mr. Ashley, Mr. Spinks, Mr. Murphy, Mr. Wade, Mr. Jewell, Mr. Meche, Mr. Bonvillain, Mr. Inman, Mr. Braud

III. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Haydel
Second by Ms. Gautreaux
Unanimously Approved

V. Welcome and Introduction – Chip Kline, Governor’s Office of Coastal Activities (Video #00015 00:06:46)

- The Chairman gave an overview of the importance of the Atchafalaya and the challenges the Task Force will address to the restoration of the basin.
- Members each gave a brief introduction of themselves.

**VI. Atchafalaya Basin Floodway – Louisiana Relevant Project Authorizations – Brad Inman, USACE
Chairman Chip Kline (Video #00015 00:34:40)**

- Board was briefed on the introduction to USACE activities in the basin, a brief history, the flood control & floodway project and operations and maintenance.
- Discussion of the flood of 1927, flood control act of 1928 and the Jadwin plan, the Morganza floodway and authorized old river control structures authorized.
- Also discussed floods of 1973, 2011 and passing the project design flood.
- Review of the MR&T Atchafalaya basin project major components, levees and floodwalls, navigation locks, navigable floodgates and the Wax Lake outlet.
- Atchafalaya basin floodway system, project, real estate acquisition, recreation and water management units also covered.



Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority



- Explanation of Atchafalaya basin O&M navigation, flood risk management and inspection & compliance.

VII. Basin Issues Overview – Brian Lezina, CPRA (Video #00017 00:17:00)

- Briefed board on the Atchafalaya basin program, priorities and mandates, threats to the basin, history and the mission.
- Also discussed FY 2022 draft project list, funding, holistic approaches and hydrological modifications.
- Henderson Lake WMU, Murphy Lake depth restoration, future land loss, flood control and sediment management also discussed.
- Review of channel training, weir closures and challenges within the basin to overcome.

VIII. Discussion (Video # 00018 00:10:01)

- The Chairman asked each member to offer suggestions, solutions, ideas and recommendations to the Governor to address the problems in the basin.

IX. Next Steps, Set Next Meeting (Video #00019 00:00:24)

- April 20, 2021 is the next proposed meeting date. Meetings will be monthly within the basin.

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

XI. Adjourn

Motion by Mr. Myers
Second by Mr. Milling
Unanimously Approved