ATCHAFALAYA BASIN PROGRAM

TECHNICAL ADVISORY GROUP

Department of Natural Resources

LaSalle Building, Griffon Room, 1st Floor

BATON ROUGE, LA

July 10, 2013

1:00pm-3:30pm

MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS:

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Bobby Reed

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Glenn Constant

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Michael Kaller for Bill Kelso

Department of Natural Resources Keith Lovell

Department of Environmental Quality Tom Killeen

Department of Wildlife and Fisheries Brac Salyers

USGS Dan Kroes

Louisiana Department of Ag & Forestry Joey Breaux (absent)

US Corps of Engineers Melanie Labiche

ALTERNATES:

LSU Renewable Natural Resources Richard Keim (absent)

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service David Walther

Others Present:

Department of Natural Resources Staff Don Haydel

Department of Natural Resources Staff Charles Reulet

Department of Natural Resources Staff Dana Naquin

USACE Steve Roberts

Friends of the Atchafalaya Charles Caillouet

Friends of the Atchafalaya Willie Fontenot

Audubon Society Cynthia Duet

Doug Meffert Audubon Society

**1.** **Call to Order, Introductions, Roll Call**

**2**. **Agenda approval** **or amendment to the agenda by 2/3 vote**

 Motion by Glenn Constant

Second by Michael Kaller

Agenda approved

**3.** **Approval of minutes from 06/11/13 meeting**

Motion by Michael Kaller

Seconded by Glenn Constant

Minutes Approved

**4. Discussion of**

2015-01 St. Mary Parish Flat Lake Ecosystem – *would like to discuss more before September meeting and include someone from the sediment management plan in discussion*

 2015-02 St. Mary Parish Joe Russo Landing - *defer*

 2015-03 St. Mary Parish Wilson’s Landing - *defer*

 2015-04 St. Mary Parish Canoe & Hiking Trail & Primitive Camping - *defer*

 2015-05 St. Mary Parish Taylor Point Cut North of Charenton - *defer*

2015-06 St. Mary Parish Interpretive Center - *defer*

2015-07 Dean Wilson Channelization of Bayou Sorrel – *previously considered and not approved*

2015-08 Dean Wilson Channelization of Upper Grand River – *previously considered and not approved*

2015-09 Warren Blanchard Water flow @ South end of Blue Point – *previously considered and not approved*

2015-10 Warren Blanchard Poor water quality in crawfish pond – American Pass– *previously considered and not approved*

2015-11 Dan Kroes 21” Canal at River contributing to excessive sediment – *move forward*

2015-12 Dan Kroes Sediment almost cutting off Murphy Lake from access in low water – *append to previous Murphy Lake project*

2015-13 Dan Kroes Orange Barrel Canal is contributing excessive large grained sediment – *move forward*

2015-14 Bernard Labbe Work Canal access *– append to previous Upper Grand River Flats project*

Motion by Michael Kaller and Seconded by Glenn Constant to move forward with projects 01, 11 and 13 and to append 12 and 14, motion approved.

 **5. Public Comment on Water Management Projects Proposed for Consideration by the TAG**

No public comments

**6.** **New Business** –

Stephen Chustz and Keith Lovell now have permanent status and no longer hold interim titles.

Melanie Labiche from Corps informed members the channel training projects are currently in review and that construction is to begin by end of September.

1. **Old Business –**

Don Haydel let members know there were no changes in the other projects discussed at the June 11, 2013 meeting.

Dan Kroes inquired about Shell Pipeline Co plans to construct a new pipeline in Beau Bayou area in an existing pipeline corridor. Shell wants USGS to review. Shell wants to do some restoration work in Basin to benefit the environment, possibly cut gaps, reroute water in pipeline area but Shell does not want to be responsible for permit, want resource agencies as a guide. Glenn would like to know the cost estimate to perform the survey on the existing pipelines from Shell. Don Haydel will invite Shell to make presentation at a TAG meeting as requested by Shell.

1. **Public Comment –**

Charles Caillouet with Friends of the Atchafalaya spoke about the questionnaire that has been distributed looking for approaches to restoration in partnership with agencies such as Corps, ABP, etc. FOA wants to gain support and consensus.

1. **Adjourn**

Motion by Michael Kaller

Seconded by Glenn Constant

Meeting adjourned

 Dana Naquin

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