**ADVISORY COMMISSION FOR LOUISIANA’S**

**ENERGY, ENVIRONMENT, AND RESTORATION MEETING**

**Friday, April 30, 2021, 10am**

**Virtual Meeting via Zoom**

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Roll Call**

Barry

Lindsey

Nathan

Lori

Dean

Brian

1. **Approval of Minutes (4.14.2021)**

Nathan motions, seconded.

1. **Legislative Update (Update on each of the Severance Tax initiatives)**

Barry asked to walk through the steps from proposal to bill becoming a law, all the better understand where the bills are in the process and what is left.

Nathan explains the process.

Hb 26 – McCormick, severance tax on stripper wells. Passed out of house. Will be tough to pass senate.

Hb 30 – Devillier, severance tax, scheduled for ways and means

Hb 57 – Coussan, friend of industry, severance tax, next week in ways and means

Hb 417 – Ivey, scheduled to be heard in house civil law. Somewhat complicated and cumbersome to make it through.

Hb 658, 661, 662 – Coussan, next week

Sb 167 – Allain, site restoration trust fund,

Sb 171 – Allain, severance tax, passed out of senate, house ways and means next

Allain and Bishop working together on tax reform. Allain has other priorities in event things need to be trimmed.

Lori – more steps in the process with fiscal notes involved.

HB 26 and HB30 will have more difficult time than others. Coussan bills have a stronger chance than others.

1. **Education Update**

Continue to internally look around to see what is available. Extend outward. As we gather more as a group, see what best to do with data/info.

When looking at purpose for supporting programs, Still need to develop the operational plan.

Want the one on one with Allain, to see what areas he is particularly interested in the commission covering

OERB focus on education, top site remediation.

Hit pause button to find the information that is out there.

1. **Tank Safety – Proposed Rule Change**

Had glimpse of the rule change, Barry asks Blake for update.

Blake reached out to Conservation, seeking input for comment from interested parties. Review of rulemaking process, if decide to make regulatory changes, have to publish notice of intent in state register. After notice of intent there will be proposed rules published with a timeframe for public comment. If decide to go forward, provide report to legislative oversight committee about proposed changes, comments and changes made from comments. Committee will hold hearing on proposed rules, if they so choose. From there, if don’t decide to seek some changes, then final promulgation of rules. That will be published state register. Can find through DOA site. OoC still in comment phase. Highly recommend getting in touch sooner than later, not sure of time period.

Send copy to full group, in comment seeking period.

Barry gave background as to why going through potential changes.

All steps, quickest can go through process is about 6 months.

1. **CLEER Progress Tracker**

Lindsay will create a visual to see the various purposes for the commission and capture the key thoughts around that. Initial work in process. Something will try to get out by next meeting date. It is in rough draft status at this time. More of a flow chart of goals, topics, etc. Will send for additional comment when reach publishing draft mode.

Meet with Secretary or Commissioner as to how our work could impact Orphan Well Program. Blake to reach out and connect with Barry.

Push next meeting out further to have much needed info from Secretary, Commissioner, Senator Allain?

Let legislative process work on its timeline, gather info from various parties to have a better vision going forward.

1. **Announcements**
2. **Public Comment**

**Public comments may be made by using the raise your hand function on Zoom or through the Zoom Chat Function**

No public comments.

Next meeting – session ends June 10th, can meet the following week.

Blake to speak to staff to update timeline.

Mollie to send calendar options.

1. **Adjourn**