

Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection,
Restoration and Conservation
STATE OF LOUISIANA

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MINUTES

Governor's Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration, and Conservation
Wednesday, September 11, 2019
10:00 a.m.

*General Government Building
Of the Westbank Council Chambers
200 Derbigny Street
Gretna, LA 70053*

- I. **Call to Order** —*King Milling, Chairman Governor's Advisory Commission*
- II. **Roll Call**
 - Lauren Averill, Robin Barnes, Steve Cochran, David Cresson, Mark Davis, Alan Front, Rep. Garofalo, Dale Hall, Senator Hewitt, Stacy Methvin, King Milling, Joel Landry, Chris Macaluso, Senator Morrish, Mayor Piazza, Rep. Zeringue
- III. **Approval of Agenda**
 - **Motion by** Ms. Methvin, second by Ms. Barnes; approved
- IV. **Approval of Minutes**
 - **Motion by** Mr. Landry, second by Mr. Macaluso; approved
- V. **Tribute to Jim Tripp**—*Bren Haase, CPRA*
- VI. **High River Flood Control Update**—*Heath Jones, LTC Jason Sears, USACE*
 - Review of the MS River and its tributaries, 973 miles of levees and floodwalls inspected, working with non-federal sponsors, discussion of Phase I & Phase II.
 - Briefed Board on MR&T project design flood and major relief points.
 - Discussed Bonne Carre Spillway operations, Morganza floodway, Bayou Chene barge closure and Tropical Storm Barry.

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VII. Proposed Up-River Diversions—*Brian Lezina, CPRA*

- Briefed Board on lower river flood control features including New Madrid Floodway, ORCC, Morganza, West Atchafalaya and Bonnet Carre Floodway, additional outlets and modified operations.
- Review of report to Congress on Future Water Resources Development, river reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp, union freshwater diversion, AMA sediment diversion and flood control features.

VIII. High River Impact on Fisheries—*Patrick Banks, LDWF*

- Gave status update on oysters, shrimp, crab, marine finfish and inland fisheries

IX. Gulf of Mexico Hypoxic Zone 2019—*Doug Daigle, LSU*

- Discussed MS River drainage basin and nutrients yielded.
- Explained Gulf of Mexico ecosystem continuum and bottom-water dissolved oxygen.
- Reviewed the Gulf Hypoxia Action Plan and its goals and MS River basin initiative.

X. Public Comment

XI. Adjourn