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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #77

9:30 a.m. – Thursday, November 3, 2016

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite, NSU Student Union

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
2. Welcome - Al Levron, BTNEP MC Chairman
3. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – July 28, 2016 Meeting
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

* **Personnel Changes –**
* LUMCON New Director – Dr. Craig McClain
* BTNEP New Hire - Siva Nunna, Water Quality Scientist
* **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – July 11, 2016 thru October 10, 2016**
* Law Enforcement Training related to litter abatement - Alma
* WETSHOP/BTNEP Presentation on Birding – Delaina
* WETSHOP Teacher Training - Alma
* Prothonotary Warbler Monitoring - Natalie
* Monitored Least Tern nests in Grand Isle - Natalie
* Invasive Species Assessment Grassy Lake/Bayou Sherman - Seth
* VHF Tower Installation Caminada Headland - Richard
* Grand Isle Tarpon Rodeo - Alma
* The Baton Rouge Hiking Club - Natalie
* Red Knot Surveys - Delaina
* Piping Plover Surveys – Delania, Richard, Natalie and Emily
* North American Ornithological Conference - Washington DC - Delaina
* NSU Sustainability and Recycling - Alma
* BTNEP staff worked with the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries on cleanup activities at the Waddill Outdoor Education Center in north Baton Rouge
* The Reflections – LSU AG Center – Native Plants - Alma
* BTNEP/BTEF White Boot Gala - Staff
* Red Knot Scouting for tentative bird banding - Delaina
* The Louisiana Association of Professional Biologist – Delaina, Natalie and Emily
* Volunteer Program Presentation at South Central Louisiana Technical College - Seth
* Estuary Artworks at The Purple Penguin Art Company for National Estuaries Week– Kristy, Nicole and Delaina
* KLB Conference in Baton Rouge - Alma
* Site visit and Field trip to Lake Fields – Dean, Susan, Matt, Andrew and Seth
* Site Visit for Marine Debris Prevention Program on Port Fourchon Beach - Alma
* WETSHOP all week - Alma
* Media Interviews (As of October 10, 2016)

***Due to the recent flooding in Livingston Parish the Metro Press Clipping Bureau’s Office was completely destroyed. Media clippings were not available for the month of September. Clipping service should have resumed in October by a new company.***

***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)

* *“Quality concerns linger,”* - July 4, 2016
* *“Bayou Lafourche a dumping ground, growth area for bacteria,”* - July 4, 2016
* *“Peltier Park to get petanque area,”* - July 6, 2016
* *“Cheers – More options for recreation,”* - July 9, 2016
* *“BTNEP to award program grants,”* - July 15, 2016
* *“Cheers - Helpful grants,”* - July 16, 2016
* *” Coastal advocates to meet,”* - July 25, 2016
* *“New wetlands program geared at people 50 and older,” -* August 31, 2016
* *“BTNEP to hold school supply drive for flood victims,”* - September 2, 2016
* *“Estuary Artworks to be held on Sept. 24,”* - September 10, 2016
* *“Community Calendar: Estuary Artworks Event,”* - September 20, 2016
* *“BTNEP announces Estuary Artworks contest winners,* - October 1, 2016

***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)

* *“Quality concerns linger,”* - July 3, 2016
* *“Bayou Lafourche a dumping ground, growth area for bacteria,”* - July 3, 2016
* *“Peltier Park to get petanque, horseshoe areas”* - July 6, 2016
* *“Cheers – More options for recreation,* - July 9, 2016
* *“BTNEP to award program grants,* - July 15, 2016
* *“Cheers - Helpful grants,* - July 16, 2016
* *” Coastal advocates to meet on Thursday,”* - July 25, 2016
* *“New wetlands program geared at people 50 and older,” -* August 31, 2016
* *“Donate school supplies to flood victims,”* - September 6, 2016
* *“Estuary Artworks to be held on Sept. 24,”* - September 10, 2016

***The Houma Chamber Focus*** (Houma, LA)

* *“BTNEP announces invasive species mini-grants recipients,”* - October, 2016
* *“LUMCON/BTNEP to host Expedition in Estuary Education,”* - October 2016

**Other Interviews:**

* Karl Gommel, Houma Times – Boat launch proposal by Thibodaux Councilman and the effects on water quality – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* **BTNEP Meeting Report**
* LUMCON meeting – Susan
* NEPORT Training – Dean
* Caminada Back Barrier Marsh Creation project team meeting - Delaina
* Media meeting with Lenny and Marcia – Susan and Kristy
* Lafourche Parish Council Meeting - Bayou Lafourche Cleanup - Alma
* Met with LDEQ about BTNEP contract for new Water Quality Project - Andrew, Susan and Dean
* Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District Meeting - Alma
* CPRA Framework Development Team Workshop – Projects and Alternatives – Andrew
* Spahr's White Boot Gala Planning Meeting – Susan and Nicole
* Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority July Board Meeting – Susan, Dean, and Michael
* Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management Meeting - Alma
* Swamp Stomp Meeting - Alma
* Met with Phyllis Lear to discuss Graphic Design Work for new CCMP - Susan
* St John’s Coastal Zone Management Board Meeting - Alma
* Diane at State Printing meeting to discuss publications – Nicole and Richard
* Met with Jonathan Foret, South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center - Susan
* Terrebonne Parish School Teachers meeting - Alma
* Gulf Coast Industrial Infrastructure Task Force meeting - Susan
* Bayou Industrial Group Luncheon - Alma
* BTNEP Staff will be attending the BTNEP, BTEF, and LUMCON Meeting
* GOMA Conference call - Alma
* NOAA grants conference call - Alma
* Louisiana Master Naturalist Greater New Orleans General Meetings – Andrew and Michael
* Meeting with Brenda Gautreaux and David Plater - Alma
* GOMA PR Advisory Call - Susan
* Bayou Country Children's Museum-BTNEP Partnership Planning – Susan, Alma, and Kristy
* Lafourche Chamber of Commerce monthly meeting – Nicole and Kristy
* West Jefferson High School Sustainability meeting - Alma
* Ellender High School Sustainability meeting - Alma
* Bayou Country Children’s Museum Education meeting – Susan, Alma and Kristy
* LA Department of Education Curriculum Development Working Group meeting - Susan
* Meeting with the Water Resources Commission - Andrew
* Nicholls State University Sustainability Committee meeting - Alma
* CPRA Framework Development Team Meeting #8 – Andrew and Michael
* Meeting with Darin Lee to discussion of Piping Plover data - Delaina
* CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting - Susan
* Wetland Warrior Meeting - Matt
* Lake Field Planning meeting – Susan, Dean, Seth, Andrew and Kerry
* Meeting with National Park Services to discuss possible partnership – Andrew, Susan and Seth
* Biology Society meeting with Nicholls State University - Alma
* The Gulf Coast Ecosystem Restoration Council Public Meeting to Release Draft Comprehensive Plan Update - Susan
* NOAA Marine Debris Removal Grant Meeting – Alma, Seth and Susan
* ANEP Exec. Committee Call - Susan
* Meeting with United States Coast Guard new BTNEP Management Conference member - Susan
* Shell/BTNEP Conference Call - Susan
* Lake Field Restoration Project/CPRA Restoration Partnership Fund meeting – Susan, Andrew, Seth and Matt
* Live Oak meeting - Alma
* Meeting with Darrin Lee – Emily
* **Project Status**
* Request for Contract - “Support of Bird Survey as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase V” with Casey Wright – Richard
* Request for Contract - “Support of Bird Survey as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase IV” with SEG Environmental BTNEP 16-10 – Richard
* Request for Payment – “Support of Bird Survey as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase V” with Casey Wright – BTNEP 16-09 - Richard
* Request for Contract “BTNEP Land Use Map” EPA Tracking No. 2014-13 – Andrew
* Request for Payment - “Support of BTNEP Related Avian Projects” Curtis Walker – EPA Tracking No. 2016-14 – Richard
* Request for Payment - “Support of Bird Survey as it Relates to the Caminada Headland Restoration Project Phase IV” BTNEP 16-10 – Richard
* Request for Payment – “Barataria-Terrebonne Paddle Brochure” EPA Tracking No. 2014-26 – Michael
* Andrew is also working on layout and design of associated public information signage. (2012-36)
* Richard is working with Nicole to finalize purchase on bird tower supplies. (2012-37-S)
* Andrew is working with contractor on Homeowner’s Guide to Improving Water Quality. (2012-32)
* Michael is working with contractor on Homeowner’s Guide to Removing Invasive Species (2012-30)
* Michael and his team of reviewers completed review of all BTNEP Invasive Species Mini-grants and announced winners. Contracts were awarded in September. (2013-15)
* Request for Payment – Curtis Walker EPA tracking #2016-14 – Richard DeMay
* Request for Payment – “Residents’ Guide to Managing Invasive Weeds” and “Residents’ Guide to Improving Water Quality” (2012-30 and 2012-32) – Michael Massimi/Andrew Barron
* Richard is working with contractor on Establishment of A Network Of Passive, VHF Radio Telemetry Towers Throughout Coastal Louisiana And Targeted Inland Sites (2016-11)
* Request for Contract Fish and Wildlife Service’s (Service) CFDA Program 15.657 Grant Award No. F16AP00835 – Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program – Delania LeBlanc
* Request for Payment – “Residents’ Guide to Managing Invasive Weeds” and “Residents’ Guide to Improving Water Quality” (2012-30 and 2012-32) – Michael Massimi/Andrew Barron
* Request for Payment – “Ecosystem Restoration, Invasive Plant Control, and Feral Hog Removal in Forested Wetlands at Woodlands Conservancy” – EPA Grant # CE-00F40801-01, EPA Tracking# 2012-17-1
* Andrew is working with the City of Thibodaux on Finalizing Recreational Surface and Rainwater Retention/Infiltration Basin

1. **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE** – 9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date – November 3, 2016 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – February 2, 2017 – Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date - May 4, 2017 - Cotillion Ballroom @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date - August 3, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union
* Save the Date – November 2, 2017 - Plantation Suite @ NSU Student Union

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF DATES** –

* ANEP Fall Meeting & Field Session for Tech Transfer – Friday December 9 thru Sunday December 11, 2016
* RAE Conference – December 11 thru December 14, 2016
* CCMP Final Draft Due by end of December 2016

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon

* Introduction to Climate Change - Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Levee District - (15 minutes)
* Sea Level Rise in the 2017 Coastal Master Plan – Jim Pahl, CPRA - (30 minutes)
* The Energy Industry’s Engagement in Climate Change and Coastal Louisiana – Steve Tullos, Entergy
* Is Coastal Louisiana Sustainable - Torbjörn Törnqvist, Vokes Geology Professor and Chair - Department of Earth and Environmental Sciences (45 minutes)
* Climate Change and What’s at Risk - Scott Hemmerling, Ph.D., The Water Institute of the Gulf (35 minutes)

1. **New Business –** 12:00 noon – 12:15 pm

CCMP REVISION ACTIVITY Meeting since July 28th, 2016

* Brief CCMP update - Susan Testroet-Bergeron, BTNEP (15 minutes)
* CCMP Committee 1, Coordinated Planning & Implementation - one meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 2, Ecological Management – Restoration – two meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 3, Ecological Management – Water Quality – three meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 4, Ecological Management – Living Resources – has been exchanging emails and updating meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 5, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – Citizens – one meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 6, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – Cultural Heritage – Don Davis hosted a meeting summary with Susan
* CCMP Committee 7, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement – Public Relations - one meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 8, Sustained Recognition & Citizen Involvement - Education - two meeting during this reporting period
* CCMP Committee 9, Economics - two meeting during this reporting period

1. **Adjourn**