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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #84

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Thursday, August 2, 2018

Nicholls State University

Plantation Suite, Nicholls Campus (in Student Union)

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - 9:30 A.M. – 9:40 A.M.
2. Welcome – Quenton Fontenot, BTNEP MC Chairman
3. Roll Call – Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
4. Reading and Approval of Minutes – May 3, 2018 Meeting
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.
6. Personnel Changes **–** None
7. **BTNEP Meeting Report – April 16, 2018 thru July 02, 2018**

* Kristy attended a meeting with Lenny Delbert to discuss upcoming video
* Alma attended a meeting with Louisiana Municipal Association
* Alma attended the Lafourche Parish Coastal Zone Management meetings
* Susan presented BTNEP CCMP at the CPRA Board meeting – Public Review Period Discussed
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycling Coalition meetings
* Alma attended a Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting
* Alma, Seth and Susan attended a meeting with Sarah Mack, Tierra Resources, Plant Project Discussion
* Susan and Dean participated in attended the ANEP EC Conference Call
* Susan and Alma attended a meeting to discuss the Curriculum Organization for LDOE
* Andrew and Alma attended the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Litter Traps meeting
* Alma attended the Houma-Terrebonne Chamber Education Committee meeting
* Alma attended the WETSHOP planning meetings
* Susan attended the EPA Urban Waters Learning Network Phone Conference
* Susan attended the EPA PE Team Phone Calls for Coastal Bends and Bays Estuary Program
* Alma attended the Sustainability meeting at Nicholls State University
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycling Coalition Meeting with the Louisiana Municipality Association
* Alma attended a call meeting with Keep Louisiana Beautiful about curriculum
* Susan and Kristy attended a meeting with Diane Austin, University of Arizona
* Alma attended a meeting with Dottie Hartman on micro plastics curriculum
* Susan attended LA Trustee Implementation Group (TIG) Public Meeting
* Alma attended a Phone Conference with National Sanctuaries Webinar Series, Dolphin Tales
* BTNEP Staff attended the LUMCON travel training meeting
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with Angela Rathle, National Park Services, to discuss Future partnerships and grant funding
* Andrew and Siva attended the Teleconference with Aimee Preau and Lisa Miller with Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) to discuss grant
* Susan, Dean, Andrew attended a meeting to discuss partnership between BTNEP and Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District
* Michael attended a meeting with contractor for Grand Isle State Park on the invasive species removal contract and Jean Landry, Nature Conservancy
* Michael attended a C-Learn Leadership Council meeting
* Susan, Dean, Andrew and Siva attended a meeting with South Central Planning and Development Commission to discuss GOMP Home Sewage Assistance grant
* BTNEP Staff attended a meeting with Ray Peters, Nicholls State University to plan for professional development trainings he will discuss 4 topics Communication, Time Management, Leadership, and Conflict Resolution to be studied this summer

1. **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – April 16, 2018 thru July 02, 2018**

* Natalie conducted the Prothonotary Warbler field work weekly
* Delaina conducted the Piping Plover surveys
* Delaina conducted the Red Knot Surveys
* Siva and Andrew conducted the Bayou Folse Water sampling events bimonthly
* Seth, Matt, Susan and Dean attended the Shell Planting Volunteer event in conjunction with Earth Day
* Alma conducted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program Clean up at Elmer’s Island
* Andrew presented at the Louisiana Master Naturalist Grand Island Workshop
* Delaina participated in the Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration
* Siva exhibited at the Lockport Food Festival on Water Quality Education
* Natalie conducted the Osprey Nest platform monitoring
* Alma, Kristy and Siva attended the Babycakes event to provide education at their wetland day event
* Alma attended the 2018 Student Research and Creative Exposition at Nicholls State University
* Alma exhibited at attended the West Lafargue Elementary College and Career Fair
* Seth worked with the Mulberry Elementary School at the Nicholls State University
* Andrew and Siva attended the Water Wonders Festival-Water Quality Education at Louisiana Children's Museum
* Alma exhibited at Earth Day in Baton Rouge
* Michael attended the Mandalay National Wildlife Refuge site visit with USGS
* Seth and Matt hosted the Open Volunteer Days at Nicholls Farm for several Wednesday and Thursdays this summer
* Susan, Dean, Richard and Matt visited Lower Plaquemines to see Spanish Pass Ridge Restoration in order to plan future planting events for the SMART project
* Alma presented at the Lafourche/Terrebonne Master’s Gardeners meeting
* Alma attended the Rougarou Ball
* Alma conducted the Little School Recycling event
* Alma conducted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program with students
* Delaina attended as a Presenter at the Wetlands Art Tour
* Seth hosted the University of Arkansas at Monticello Educational Paddle Trip
* Alma attended and presenting at the LA Sea Grant LA Discovery event
* Andrew presented a Water Quality Education Program at Leadership Terrebonne
* Andrew and Siva presented at the H2O Teachers Workshop
* Susan, Nicole, Alma, Seth, and Delaina attended the State of the Coast Conference
* Delaina presented at State of the Coast
* Andrew and Michael presented at the Coastal Restoration Workshop for Louisiana Master Naturalist Program
* Delaina, Natalie, and Richard conducted the breeding bird surveys
* Andrew and Siva attended the Water Quality Education Ocean fest at Audubon Aquarium
* Alma attended the Gulf of Mexico Alliance meeting in St Petersburg, FL
* Andrew presented to the US Coast Guard about BTNEP and Water Quality
* Andrew and Siva attended the National Park Services-Water Quality Education
* Alma attended Environmental Day in Lafayette with Lisa Mahoney
* Susan attended the Sea Grant Anniversary Event
* Matt and Seth conducted volunteer days at Nicholls farm

III MEDIA INTERVIEWS (As of July 6, 2018)

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

* *“Want to do your part to save the coast?”, ­ -* April 28, 2018
* *“Nicholls gives out oak trees as graduation presents,”* - May 21, 2018
* *“Volunteer days for Barataria-Terrebonne program announced,”* - June 25, 2018

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

* *“Want to do your part to save the coast?”, ­ -* April 28, 2018
* *“Nicholls gives out oak trees as graduation presents,”* - May 19, 2018
* *“Opinion: Paying for education is an investment,”* - June 17, 2018
* *“Volunteer days for Barataria-Terrebonne program announced,”* - June 25, 2018

***The Lafourche Gazette*** (Larose, LA)

* *“Nicholls’ graduates receive gift of oak trees,”* - May 30, 2018

***Donaldsonville Chief*** (Donaldsonville, LA)

* *“2018 Paddle Lafourche,”* - April 12, 2018
* *“Fire Dept. Association shares good and bad news,”* – May 3, 2018

***Daily Leader*** (Leesville, LA)

* *“Registration is open to teachers for WETSHOP 2018,”* – April 18, 2018

***Gonzales Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)

* *“2018 Paddle Lafourche leaves Donaldsonville,”* – April 12, 2018
* *“Fire Dept. Association shares good and bad news,”* – April 28, 2018

***Daily News*** (Baton Rouge, LA)

* *“Registration is open to teachers for WETSHOP 2018,”* - May 30, 2018

***Assumption Pioneer*** (Napoleonville, LA)

* *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche 2018 participants discover the estuary,”* – April 17, 2018

***The Times*** (Houma, LA)

* *“Paddle Down Da Bayou,”* – March 28, 2018

***The Advocate*** (New Orleans, LA)

* *“Around Jefferson: Grand Isle celebrates bird migration,”* – April 18, 2018

**Other Interviews:**

* Tristan Baurick, Times Picayune – Paddle Bayou Lafourche – Kristy Monier
* Victor Billiot, Nicholls State University Student - Isle de Jean Charles regarding community and erosion affecting the area – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Christopher LaCoque, Bayou Wild TV – Full Frame Media Productions – Prothonotary Warbler Project – Natalie Waters
* Marcia Kavanaugh, WYES – Mississippi River Electronic Field Trip – Susan Testroet Bergeron

1. **PROJECT STATUS**

* Request for Payment - “CCMP Text Review” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-01 – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP CCMP Graphic Design and Layout” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-02 – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP CCMP Text Revision Visual Artwork and Computer Graphics” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-07-03 – Susan Testroet-Bergeron
* Request for Payment - “Statistical analysis of Least Tern use of experimental substrate plots” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-14 – Richard DeMay
* Request for Payment - “Assessment of Armored Catfish Presence on Bayou Lafourche and Lake Fields” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-12 and EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking 2018-14 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment - “Assessment of Feral Hog Damage on Terrebonne Marshes: A Five Year Follow Up Study” EPA Grant Number CE-00666011 EPA Tracking 2015-23 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment - “Point au Chien Tribe Intergenerational Cultural Camp” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking 2018-17 – Seth Moncrief
* Request for Payment - “Children of Barataria-Terrebonne Unlock the Wonder and Value of Our Natural Environment as “Earthkeepers on Training” in the Wetlands of Jean Lafitte EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking 2018-12 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Payment - “2018 South Louisiana Wetlands Discovery Center Summer Camp” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-29 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP Microplastic Curricula” Dottie Hartman EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-30 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Payment - “Professional Service-Curtis Walker” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2017-10 – Richard DeMay
* Request for Contract – “Invasive Plant Management on Grand Isle Properties of The Nature Conservancy” EPA Grant Number CE-00666012 – EPA Tracking Number 2016-27 – Michael Massimi

1. **SCHEDULE NEXT BTNEP MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE MEETING DATE** –

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date – November 1, 2018 – Plantation Suite, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – February 7, 2019 – Century Room, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – May 2, 2019 – Ballroom, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – August 1, 2019 – Plantation Suite, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – November 1, 2019 – Plantation Suite, Nicholls State University

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF AND RELATED DATES** –
2. BTEF Annual White Boot Gala – Wednesday September 12th
3. National Estuaries Week – September 9 to 14th
4. International Cleanup on Elmer’s Island – September 15th
5. Estuary Artworks Event Judging – September 15 to 22nd
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
7. “Pipeline Spill Prevention Opportunities;” Ed Landgraf, CAMO Coastal and Marine Operators (10 minutes)
8. “Most Louisiana Land loss is caused by Canals and Restoring Canals is Successful;” - Dr. Eugene Turner, LSU ( 20 minutes)
9. “Integrating oil and gas industry knowledge base into understanding ecosystem evolution and coastal sustainability planning” – Chris McLindon, The New Orleans Geological Society (20 minutes)
10. “The Ecological Consequences of Backfilling Canals;” - Julie Whitbeck, National Park Services (20 minutes)
11. “Opportunities for Canal Backfilling in Louisiana;” - Dusty Pate, National Park Services (20 minutes)
12. **New Business**
13. **Announcements**
14. C-LEARN update
15. **Adjourn**