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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #86

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Thursday, February 7, 2019

Nicholls State University

Century Room, Nicholls Campus (Near Stadium)

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 –**
7. **BTNEP Meeting Report – October 15, 2018 thru January 20, 2019**

* Alma attended the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District meetings
* Michael attended the C-LEARN Leadership Council meeting
* Siva and Andrew attended a meeting with National Park Service to discuss the Citizen Science Project
* Delaina attended the Louisiana Ornithological meeting and presenting on Evaluation of Bird Nesting Use on Substrate Enhanced Beach Habitat
* Susan attended TEACHING FOR EXCELLENCE: A WYES COMMUNITY FORUM
* Susan, Nicole, Dean, Michael, and Matt attended the CAMO Group meeting
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycle meetings
* Siva attended The Water Research webinar “Water Reuse and Reclaimed Water”
* Delaina attended the Wilson’s Plover working group meeting
* Susan, Nicole, Dean, Michael, and Matt attended the BTNEP Coastal Geology & Restoration Planning meetings
* Matt attended the Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management meeting
* Susan and Dean attended a close out meeting with Heidi Boudreaux, LUMCON
* Susan attended a meeting with Layan Tung, ES&H
* Natalie attended the Center for Bayou Studies at Nicholls
* Susan attended a meeting with Maida Owens, LA Department of Culture Recreation and Tourism
* Siva attended the EPA’s Safe and Sustainable Water Resources Webinar
* BTNEP Staff attended a meeting with Robert Twilley to discuss FIAW
* Susan attended the Annual Davis Pond Interagency Advisory Committee meeting
* Susan, Dean, Delaina, Richard, and Natalie attended meetings with Guillaume Riecuau, LUMCON to talk about possible bird research partnerships and funding opportunities
* Richard and Michael attended the CPRA 2023 Master Plan meeting in Terrebonne and Barataria respectively
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with Kevin Belanger to discuss IT support and GOMP Grant
* Andrew attended Kristen Chatelien thesis defense at Nicholls State University
* Richard attended a meeting with Bill Fontenot to discuss the possible addition to the existing Audubon manuscript and look at developing a publication
* Susan attended a meeting with Cody Blanchard White Car Marketing to discuss media support
* Andrew and Siva attended a meeting with Ben Malbrough, Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District to discuss the Water Quality Project
* Andrew and Siva attended a National Park Service Interagency committee meeting with LDEQ
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with Ben Malbrough, Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with Nicki Boudreaux to discuss Strategic Communications plan
* Dean and Matt attended the BTNEP and Port Fourchon restoration discussion
* Alma attended a WETSHOP Planning meeting
* Dean, Susan, Andrew and Siva attended a Bayou Folse meeting with Ducks Unlimited and NRCS
* Delaina attended a meeting with Darrin Lee, CPRA
* Susan and Nicole attended a meeting with Laure Kasovich, webmaster
* Susan attended a meeting with Cody Blanchard and Emily Knoblock White Car Marketing
* Susan, and Alma attended a meeting with Timothy Bush, LA Cajun Coast Tourism
* Alma attended a meeting with Nicki Boudreaux to discuss Bayou Lafourche Cleanup

1. **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – October 15, 2018 thru January 14, 2019**

* Delaina, Richard and Natalie conducted the Piping Plover Surveys
* Delaina conducted Red Knot Surveys
* Andrew and Siva conducted the Bayou Folse Water Sampling events
* Alma and Delaina conducted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Programs at Elmer’s Island
* Andrew and Siva lead the ULL Wetland Soils Field Trip
* Siva exhibited at Rougarou Festival
* Susan and Dean attended the 2018 ES&H Golf Tournament Fundraiser for BTEF
* Alma attended the LSTA Conference in Shreveport
* Susan and Alma attended the Louisiana Sea Grant Coastal Connections Competition
* Alma and Siva exhibited at Ocean Commotion in Baton Rouge
* Michael participated in the Apple Snail Project site visit with Dr. Jacoby Carter, USGS
* Andrew and Siva exhibited at the Swamp Stomp Festival
* Seth exhibited at the Cajun Fly-In
* Matt conducted the Sand Live Oak Acorn Collection
* Delaina presented at the Master Naturalists Grand Isle Shorebird Interpretation
* Andrew presented at the Barrier Island workshop Louisiana Master Naturalists New Orleans
* Susan and Dean attended EPA Field Visit to BA 34-2 Hydrologic Restoration and Vegetative Plantings in the Des Allemands Swamp
* Seth and Matt hosted the Cub Scouts potting at Nicholls Farm
* Andrew, Siva, and Michael presented at the Coastal Restoration workshop for Louisiana Master Naturalists in New Orleans
* Andrew and Siva attended the Sewage Treatment System Maintenance Class
* Alma and National Park Service hosted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program for juniors and seniors
* Seth and Matt hosted the LA Sea Grant Paddle Trip
* Alma judged at the Terrebonne Parish Science and Engineering Fair
* Michael presented at the Ben Franklin High School Career Day
* Michael, Andrew and Siva attended the Louisiana Master Naturalist Intro Workshop

III MEDIA COVERAGE (From October 15, 2018 – January 14, 2019)

* *“Biology Club members brave the cold to help the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program conduct a debris…,*” – January 8, 2019 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Volunteers needed for local crab trap cleanup,”* – December 27, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *”Volunteers needed for local crab trap cleanup,”* – December 27, 2018 ***Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Volunteers sought for Thibodaux Christmas Bird Count*,” – December 20, 2018 ***Daily Review*** (Morgan City, LA)
* *“Volunteers needed for local crab trap cleanup,”* – December 19, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Volunteers needed for local crab trap cleanup,”* – December 18, 2018 ***DailyComet.com*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Preserve our Waters for Future Generations,”* – November 2018 ***LouisianaSportsman.com***
* *“Oak Grove Junior Beta Club learns about coastal land loss issues,”* – November 7, 2018 ***TheAdvocate.com*** (Baton Rouge, LA)
* *“Coastal workforce event held for local students,”* – October 16, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)

1. **PROJECT STATUS**

* Request for Payment - “BTNEP Microplastic Curricula Development” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-30 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Contract - “Pre-lease baseline data on plant demography of Chinese tallow before Biocontrol Program is initiated” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking 2018-15 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment and Final Deliverable - “Feral Hog Abatement & Removal of Invasive Vegetation In Forested Wetlands” EPA Grant Number CE-00666012 EPA Tracking 2016-26 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment - “Invasive Plant Management on Grand Isle Properties of the Nature Conservancy” EPA Grant Number CE-00666012 EPA Tracking 2016-27 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment and Final Deliverable - “Passive Array of VHF Radio Telemetry Towers in The BTNEP Region” EPA Grant Number 674EP17 EPA Tracking 2017-10 – Richard DeMay
* Request for Payment – “Professional services rendered from University of Louisiana at Lafayette” EPA Grant Number 671EP16, EPA Tracking No. EPA 2016-15
* Request for Payment – “Design and Layout of the 2019 Tidal Graph Calendar” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA, Tracking No. EPA 2018-06
* Request for Payment – “Professional services rendered from University of Louisiana at Lafayette” EPA Grant Number 671EP16, EPA Tracking No. EPA 2016-15
* Request for Payment – “Design and Layout of the 2019 Tidal Graph Calendar” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA, Tracking No. EPA 2018-06
* Request for Payment and Final Deliverable – “2018 WETSHOP Louisiana Wetland Teacher Workshop” EPA Grant Number CE-00666014 EPA Tracking No. EPA 2018-10 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Contract – “2019 WETSHOP: Louisiana Wetland Teacher Workshop” EPA Grant Number CE-00666015 EPA Tracking 2019-12 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Contract – “Teach Wild: A Lesson on Marine Debris” EPA Grant Number CE-00666015 EPA Tracking 2019-13 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Payment and Final Deliverable - “Creating Curriculum to accompany BTNEP’s Louisiana Floor Map and Annotated Student Atlas of Louisiana” EPA Grant Number CE-00666013 EPA Tracking 2017-12-C - Alma Robichaux

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

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* 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 7, 2019 – Plantation Suite, Nicholls State University

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF AND RELATED DATES** –
2. Bayou Lafourche Cleanup – March 23, 2019
3. Paddle Bayou Lafourche – April 11-13, 2019
4. Grand Isle Migratory Bird Celebration – April 12-14, 2019
5. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
6. “Louisiana Master Naturalists Helping BTNEP Educate Adults about the Value of Estuary” - Dr. Robert A. Thomas, Professor and Director of the Loyola Center for Environmental Communication School of Mass Communication ( 20 minutes)
7. “Research Indicates Microplastic in More Places” - Dr. Mark C. Benfield, LSU School of the Coast and Environment Department of Oceanography and Coastal Sciences - (20 minutes)
8. Marine Debris Prevention Lessons – Alma Robichaux Jackson, BTNEP and Dottie Hartman, LSU Grad Student – (25 minutes)
9. “Feral Hog Survey in Terrebonne – Project Report” – Ben Hall – (25 minutes)

1. **New Business**
2. **Announcements**
3. **Adjourn**