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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #85

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Thursday, November 1, 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 **–** Kristy Monier resigned
7. **BTNEP Meeting Report – July 7, 2018 thru October 14, 2018**

* Susan and Kristy attended a meeting with Phyllis Lear to discuss CCMP edits
* Susan attended the Louisiana Coastal Geology Symposium 2018 meeting
* Susan attended the BTEF Board meetings
* Susan attended a meeting with Nicholls State/Justin Ehrenwert, The Water Institute of the Gulf
* Michael attended the C-LEARN Leadership Council meetings
* Matt attended the Terrebonne Coastal Zone meeting
* Matt and Dean attended a meeting with Todd Folse and Josh Sylvest, CPRA to discuss the ridge restoration
* Alma and Delaina attended a meeting with Spahr’s to discuss the Plastic Free Gulf Coast
* Michael attended a meeting about the Armored Catfish Project with Andrew Cumberland thesis proposal
* Alma attended the Lafourche Coastal Zone Management meeting
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycle Coalition meeting
* Andrew attended a meeting with Kristen Chatelain to discuss her thesis on soils on the BTNE
* Susan, Dean and Andrew attended the NFWF grant discussion meeting about Lake Fields/Lake Long Vince Guillory, Lake Fields Commission
* Susan attended a meeting with Gary LeFleur to discuss BTEF
* Delaina attended the American Oystercatcher and Wilson's Plover working group planning meeting
* Susan attended a meeting with White Car Marketing
* BTNEP staff hosted our 84th Management Conference meeting
* Alma participated in a phone conference call with San Francisco Estuary Program planner
* Andrew attended a meeting with Nicole Lundberg, LA Sea Grant
* Susan presented at the National Ecological Society of America meeting in New Orleans
* BTNEP staff attended the BTNEP professional training class during the summer. Classes included leadership, communications, conflict resolution, and time management
* Alma attended the Louisiana Recycling Coalition monthly meeting conference call
* Susan participated in the Restore or Retreat Annual meeting
* Alma attended a meeting with Aimee Hollander about micro plastics curriculum
* Susan, Dean, Richard and Matt attended a meeting to discuss possible BTNEP involvement with easements
* Susan and Dean attended the BTNEP/Nicholls partnership meeting
* Susan, Dean, and Andrew attended a meeting to discuss Gulf of Mexico Program Grant with Linda Tabor and Earl Melancon, BTEF and Danny Wiegand, EPA
* Susan, Dean, and Andrew attended the BTNEP and National Park Service (NPS) grant meeting
* Matt, Susan, and Dean hosted a Woody Species Collection meeting with CPRA
* Michael attended a meeting with Kimberly Cooke, National Park Services
* Alma attended a micro plastic curriculum meeting with Dottie Hartman to work on EPA project
* Susan attended the America's Wetlands - Leadership Forum for Coastal Wetlands Community Forum
* Michael attended a meeting with Gary LaFleur to discuss apple snail project
* Siva participated in a Webinar-Spotlight on NOAA Sea Grant Coastal Monitoring Programs
* Susan attended a meeting with The Water Institute and Shell Oil Co in New Orleans
* Matt attended The Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management meeting
* Alma attended The Louisiana Recycling Coalition Monthly conference call
* Susan participated in a conference call with EPA Coastal Bend & Bays draft PE Letter discussion
* Susan participated in a follow-up conference call with Shell
* Susan attended the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District Summit Steering Committee meeting
* Alma attended the Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District meetings
* Susan, Andrew, Siva and Linda Tabor with BTEF attended the Gulf of Mexico Program, GOMP Home Sewage System meeting
* Susan and Dean attended a meeting with Johnny Friloux La Tour Golf – BTNEP/BTEF donor to plan October 22nd gold tournament sponsored by ES&H
* Alma and Delaina participated in a conference call with Plastic Free Gulf Coast
* Susan attended a meeting with Cody Blanchard, White Car Marketing
* Alma participated in a conference call/webinar on Plastics in the Ocean: Facts, Fiction, and Unknowns
* Susan participated in a GoTo Webinar with CPRA on Coastal Advisory Team to discuss 2023 Master Plan
* Siva attended a webinar on Restore Council projects
* Susan attended a meeting with Tara Hebert – Titan Anchor Branding
* Andrew participated in a phone meeting with Rebecca DeJesus-Crespo
* Alma attended a meeting with Dottie Hartman about curriculum related to Marine Debris Prevention
* Alma participated in a conference call with Sean Russell about Earth Echo Water Challenge
* Susan attended The Lafourche and Thibodaux Chambers of Commerce Legislative Update Breakfast
* Susan attended Coastal Bend Bays Estuaries Program PE visit
* Alma participated in a webinar The Causes and Consequences of a Rapidly Changing Arctic
* Alma attended the Keep Louisiana Beautiful Conference
* Susan attended the “Closest to the Coast: Nicholls Serving the People of the Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary"

1. **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – July 7, 2018 thru October 14, 2018**

* Alma, Andrew, Matt, Delaina, and Seth presented at the 2018 WETSHOP
* Natalie worked on the Prothonotary Warbler Monitoring with various field visits
* Alma and Delaina hosted the Marine Debris Education Prevention Program at Elmer’s Island
* Seth and Matt hosted the volunteer days at Nicholls Farm over the summer
* The Lafourche and Thibodaux Chambers of Commerce Legislative Update Breakfast
* Susan attended Coastal Bend Bays Estuaries Program PE visit
* Andrew and Siva attended the Bayou Folse Water Sampling events twice monthly
* Michael attended a field day to investigating potential Chinese tallow site selection for removal
* Matt worked in the field on the Hercules Club seed collection
* Delaina, Richard, and Natalie attended the Piping Plover surveys twice monthly
* Michael attended the Apple Snail suppression project in Mandalay Nat’l Wildlife Refuge w/ Jacoby Carter, USGS
* Michael presented at the Adaptive Management for Water Infrastructure Workshop
* Seth presented at the Houma/Thibodaux Homeschool Key Club meeting
* Seth and Matt hosted a volunteer event with John Deere Factory Farm
* Matt and Seth hosted The Louisiana Sea Grant paddle trip near Lake Verret
* Seth attended The Nature Conservancy Air Potato Vine Cutting volunteer event
* Michael attended and presented in the panel discussion at "Rodents of Unusual Size" film debut
* Alma participated in the Flower Garden Banks National Marine Sanctuary Lionfish Study
* Alma presented at the Houma-Thibodaux Diocese's Educator Conference
* Susan presented at the 5th Annual Bayou Vermillion Symposium
* Michael and Andrew presented at the Introductory workshop Louisiana Master Naturalists New Orleans
* Andrew, Siva, and Delaina attended the Microplastic Pollution Workshop
* Alma presented at the Science Ya-Ya Event
* Michael and Andrew attended the Alliance of Natural Resource Outreach and Service Programs Field Trip
* Seth and Delaina hosted the Central Lafourche High School JROTC volunteer cleanup at Grand Isle State Park
* Alma and Seth with LDWF and Nicholls co-hosted the International Cleanup Day at Elmer’s Island
* Seth and Matt hosted a Volunteer event with Conrad Shipyard at Nicholls Farm
* Andrew and Siva presented at the Lafourche STEM Community Fest – Water Quality Education
* Alma and Siva presented at the Girl Scout Event hosted at UNO
* Siva and Andrew presented at the Iberville Swamp Life Expo
* Michael took a field visit to the West Bay Diversion site to view Purple Loosestrife
* Siva, Delaina, and Andrew exhibited at the A+ Scholar Event at Nicholls
* Andrew, Siva, and Delaina presented at the Working for Our Coast event at Fletcher Technical Community College
* BTNEP hosted the Discover the Estuary; 1 Day Paddle Trip through the swamp marsh and lake along Bayou Chevreuil and Lake Des Allemands

III MEDIA COVERAGE (From July 7, 2018 – October 14, 2018)

* *“Preserve our Waters for Future Generations,”* – October 2018 ***LouisianaSportsman.com***
* *“Chevron Presents Working for Our Coast,”* – October 4, 2018 ***BTNEP.org***
* *“Paddle power: Take a guided trip down a beautiful bayou*,” – September 27, 2018 ***The Courier: Big Fun*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Big Fun-Coming Thursday – ‘Take a guided paddling trip down one of the area’s most beautiful bayous,’”* – September 26, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Paddle power: Take a guided trip down a beautiful bayou,”* – September 24, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Letters to the Editor: Sept. 20, 2018*,” – September 20, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Letters to the Editor: Sept. 20, 2018,”* – September 20, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Get a real look at Atchafalaya Basin Life at Swamp Life Expo,”* – September 18, 2018 ***Weekly Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)
* *“Swamp Life Expo gives visitors chance to see Basin life*,” – September 17, 2018 ***Daily Iberian*** (New Iberia, LA)
* *“Learn about Nicholls’ connection to the coast,”* – September 14, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Volunteers sought for Elmer’s Island Beach cleanup Saturday,”* – September 12, 2018 ***Lafourche Gazette*** (Larose, LA)
* *“Plastic is in more places than you might think*,” – September 11, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Plastic contamination,”* – September 11, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Plastic is in more places than you think,”* – September 10, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Volunteers sought for local beach cleanup,”* – September 8, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Volunteers sought for local beach cleanup,”* – September 8, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“BTNEP and Nature Conservancy to host barrier island volunteer event,”* – August 23, 2018 ***Gonzales Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)
* *“Recycling waste after move-in day at Nicholls,”* – August 21, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Recycling,”* – August 21, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Helping out,”* – August 9, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Helping out,”* – August 9, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“10 worst species of invasive plants on the Louisiana coast,”* – August 3, 2018 ***Times Picayune*** (New Orleans, LA)
* *“Port of South La. Donates to college,”* – August 2, 2018 ***Daily Iberian*** (New Iberia, LA)
* *“BTNEP Releases New Guide on Identifying Ways to Control Invasive Plants,”* – July 26, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“BTNEP Releases New Guide on Identifying Ways to Control Invasive Plants,” –* July 26, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Candidates announce intent to run for School Board, District 9 seat:* Cally Bonvillain,” – July 22, 2018 ***Lafourche Gazette*** (Larose, LA)
* *“Help restore the coastline,” –* July 20, 2018 Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“BTNEP hosts open volunteer days,” –* July 19, 2018 ***West Side Journal*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Retired teacher runs for School Board*,” July 18, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Retired teacher announces School Board run,”* – July 17, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“BTNEP to host Open Volunteer Days in July,”* – July 12, 2018 ***Weekly News*** (Marksville, LA)
* *“BTNEP to hosts open volunteer days in July,”* – July 11, 2018 ***Lafourche Gazette*** (Larose, LA)
* *“Here’s something you can do to help save area wetlands*,” – July 9, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Here’s something you can do to help save area wetlands*,” – July 7, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“BTNEP to host Open Volunteer Days in July,”* – July 6, 2018 ***Gonzales Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)
* *“Weed work,”* – June 28, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Volunteer to help save coast,”* – June 26, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Volunteer days for Barataria-Terrebonne program announced,”* – June 25, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Volunteer days for Barataria*-*Terrebonne program announced,”* – June 25, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Opinion*: Paying for education is an investment,” – June 17, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Registration is open to teachers for WETSHOP 2018,”* – May 30, 2018 ***Daily News*** (Baton Rouge, LA)
* *“Nicholls’ graduates receive gift of oak trees,”* – May 30, 2018 ***Lafourche Gazette*** (Larose, LA)
* *“Nicholls gives out oak trees as graduation presents,”* – May 21, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Nicholls gives out oak trees as graduation presents,”* – May 19, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Fire Dept*. Association shares good and bad news,” – May 3, 2018 ***Donaldsonville Chief*** (Donaldsonville, LA)
* *“Fire Dept*. Association shares good and bad news,” – April 28, 2018 ***Gonzales Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)
* *“Want to do your part to save the coast*?”, - April 28, 2018 ***The Courier*** (Houma, LA)
* *“Want to do your part to save the coast*?”, - April 28, 2018 ***Daily Comet*** (Thibodaux, LA)
* *“Around Jefferson*: Grand Isle celebrates bird migration,” – April 18, 2018 ***The Advocate*** (New Orleans, LA)
* *“Registration is open to teachers for WETSHOP 2018,”* – April 18, 2018 ***Daily Leader*** (Leesville, LA)
* *“Paddle Bayou Lafourche 2018 participants discover the estuary,”* – April 17, 2018 ***Assumption Pioneer*** (Napoleonville, LA)
* *“2018 Paddle Lafourche,”* – April 12, 2018 ***Donaldsonville Chief*** (Donaldsonville, LA)
* *“2018 Paddle Lafourche leaves Donaldsonville,”* – April 12, 2018 ***Gonzales Citizen*** (Gonzales, LA)
* *“Paddle Down Da Bayou,”* – March 28, 2018 ***The Times*** (Houma, LA)

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 Contract - “Assessment of Armored Catfish Presence on Bayou Lafourche and Lake Fields” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-12 & 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
* Request for Payment – “Assessment of Armored Catfish Presence in Bayou Lafourche and Lake Fields” Funding for two sources: EPA Grant Number: CE-00666010, EPA Tracking Number: 2014-12 & – EPA Grant Number: CE-00666014, EPA Tracking Number: 2018-14 - Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP Microplastic Curricula Development” EPA Grant Number CE-00666010 EPA Tracking 2014-30 – Alma Robichaux
* Request for Payment – “Invasive Plant Management on Grand Isle Properties of The Nature Conservancy” EPA Grant Number CE-00666012 – EPA Tracking Number 2016-27 – Michael Massimi
* Request for Payment – “Feral Hog Abatement & Removal of Invasive Vegetation In Forested Wetlands” EPA Grant Number CE-00666012 – EPA Tracking Number 2016-26 – Michael Massimi

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

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* 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 7, 2019 – Plantation Suite, Nicholls State University

1. **OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING BTNEP/BTEF AND RELATED DATES** –
2. Clean Gulf Conference November 13th – 15th Wednesday September 12th
3. Christmas Bird Count – December 30th
4. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
5. “Upcoming 2023 State Master Plan for Coastal Restoration” Stuart “Stu” Brown, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) (30 minutes)
6. “Marine Debris Prevention and Education Curriculum” designed by Dottie Hartman – Alma Robichaux-Jackson, BTNEP (15 minutes)
7. “National Park Service Citizen Scientist Partnership Project with BTNEP and BTEF” – Angela Rathle, National Park Service (20 minutes)
8. “Port Fourchon Belle Pass Channel Deepening Project - Section 203 Study - Draft Environmental Impact Statement“ Joni Tuck, Greater Lafourche Parish Port Commission (30 minutes)
9. **New Business**
10. **Announcements**
11. Ben Springgate – A quick update on the C-LEARN Project
12. **Adjourn**