

BARATARIA-TERREBONNE MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
JULY 2, 1997 MINUTES

LA Roll Call

Mr. Windell Curole, Chair, called the meeting to order. The roll was called and the following members were present.

Management Conference Members Present:

Len Bahr, Governor's Office of Coastal Activities
Phil Boydston, Louisiana Landowners Association
Paul Cancienne, Assumption Parish
Charles Caplinger, Coastal Conservation Association of Louisiana
Kirk Cheramie, Bayou Lafourche Fresh Water District
Dr. Paul Coreil for Bill Richardson, LSU Agricultural Center
Cullen Curole, Lafourche Parish
Windell Curole, Louisiana Association of Levee Boards
Mark Davis, Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana
Wallace Ellender, American Sugar Cane League
Mark Fugler, LA Dept. of Culture, Recreation & Tourism
Sue Hawes for Colonel Conner, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
MST 1 John Hils, U.S. Coast Guard
Barbara Keeler for Jane Saginaw, U.S. EPA Region 6
Tim Landreneau, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service
Jane Ledwin for David Fruge, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service
Linda Levy for Dale Givens, LA Dept. of Environmental Quality
Paul Long, LA Department of Education
Janise Lowe, LA Dept. of Economic Development
Mike Lyons, Louisiana Mid-Continent Oil & Gas Association
Earl Matherne, St. Charles Parish
Jim Rives, LA Department of Natural Resources
Rick Ruebsamen, U.S. National Marine Fisheries Service
Butch Stegall, LA Department of Agriculture & Forestry
Doug Svendson, Jr., Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association
Marnie Winter, Jefferson Parish

BTNEP Staff Present:

Karen Gautreaux
Richard DeMay
Lynn Schonberg
Tanya Matherne
Kerry St. Pé

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Management Conference Members Absent:

Jimmy Antoon, LA Dept. of Health and Hospitals

Don Briggs, Louisiana Independent Oil & Gas Association

Dr. Michael Dagg, LUMCON

Dennis Demcheck, US Geological Survey

Ted Falgout, Greater Lafourche Port Commission

Clyde Giordano, Plaquemines Parish

Roland Guidry, Louisiana Oil Spill Coordinator's Office

Ron Harrell, Louisiana Farm Bureau

Vic LaFont, South Louisiana Economic Council

Randy Lanctot, Louisiana Wildlife Federation

Al Levron, Terrebonne Parish

Steve Loga, Commercial Fisheries

Jean May-Brett, Louisiana Science Teachers Association

Earl Melancon, Nicholls State University

Marylee Orr, Louisiana Environmental Action Network

Craig Roussel, South Central Planning & Development Commission

Brad Spicer, Louisiana Association of Conservation Districts

W. B. Watson, LA Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries

Ken Wells, American Waterways Operators

Guests:

Chris Borron, DNR

John A. Bourgeois, LDNR/CRD

Rod E. Emmer, Rodney E. Emmer & Assoc.

Louis R. Johnson, DEQ/WQM

Paul Kemp, LSU

Gregory Miller, NMFS

Cathy Mitias, Governor's Office of Coastal Activities

Enrique Reyes, LSU

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II.B Reading and Approval of April 16, 1997 BTMC Meeting Minutes

A motion was made to approve the April 16, 1997 BTMC meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. There were no objections and the minutes were approved.

Karen Gautreaux introduced Kerry St. Pé as interim director. Mr. St. Pé spoke of what he wants to accomplish as Interim Director; building staff and public participation. Louis Johnson indicated that a temporary position has been approved to fill Richard DeMay's position.

II.A CCMP Implementation Tracking Mechanism

Tanya Matherne informed members that BTNEP staff met with the Data Information Management Systems contractor and decided the easiest way to track implementation was to do it through e-mail. A form will be developed that will list each action plan that each agency is lead or co-lead implementer. Someone from each agency will be designated to report to BTNEP as to what is being done on the action plans. This form will be e-mailed to each agency every 6 months and then will be e-mailed to the Data Information Management Systems contractor to compile a report every 6 months. Every one was asked to provide BTNEP with their e-mail address. It was suggested that we review and identify responsible parties for action plan. Tanya asked if a section should be added to the form listing each action plan asking each agency if they feel that they can take full or part responsibility for the action items. Rick Ruebsamen suggested including a section on the form for "comments" in the case that an agency can not be fully or partially responsible for an action plan. Kirk Cheramie requested that the membership directory be revised to include e-mail addresses and to distribute to all members. Mark Davis recommended to solicit ways to make implementation more effective.

II.B FY 1998 Project Assessments/Update on Workplan Development

Ms. Matherne provided the BTNEP 1998 Project Assessments. Workplan elements discussed at the last meeting were put into the Workplan. This list was provided for information only.

II.C Public Workshop Series Scope of Work

Provided in the meeting packet was a proposal from Loyola University for the Public Workshop Series Project. Two proposals were received in response to the request for proposals which were approved at the April 16th Management Conference meeting. A subcommittee was formed and asked to evaluate the proposals. The Loyola proposal was unanimously selected. The proposal was approved by the Management Conference.

II.D Environmental Technology Expo Final Report

A report summarizing the Expo was included in the packet. The report included the exhibitors survey, attendance, possible changes. Kirk Cheramie felt attendance was poor, due possibly to the weather on Friday. Mark Davis, the project contractor, stated that much was learned and plans for the next event should begin now. The report was approved with positive comments.

II.E Landscape Model Final Report

Paul Kemp and Enrique Reyes gave a presentation on model results. Mr. Kemp discussed the model and how the project committee reached agreement on the base case and Mr. Reyes talked about the scenarios that were modeled. Richard DeMay questioned the basis for using 3 as the number to increase the Manning co-efficient. Mr. Kemp explained that 3 was the lowest number possible to use in order to show the effect desired. Some fine

tuning is still needed. Kerry St. Pé suggested a motion to delegate the authority to the Technical decide when the report will be ready for final print. Kirk Cheramie disagreed feeling that the whole group needs to look at it. Windell Curole explained that the Management Conference will not meet again for another two months. The Technical Committee can meet before that and approve final submission of report. Louis Johnson explained that the invoice for the model can not be paid until the final report is submitted. Mr. Curole put Mr. St. Pé's request on the table. It was decided to defer approval of the report to the Technical Committee. All Management Conference members would be notified of the meeting at which the report would be discussed.

II.F Evaluation of BTNEP Events

Ms. Lynn Schonberg said due to staffing problems at this time that the August date for the Estuary Symposium discussed at April 16th meeting should be postponed until late October or make it an every other year event. It was recommended that a small working group be put together to help plan the Symposium as well as discuss the Festival Event and Technology Expo. Ms. Schonberg relayed that there was good feedback and response from all exhibitors. She also asked Management Conference for comments on the festival. Mr. Kirk Cheramie suggested that the group come up with plan to have all three events during the same period of time. Mr. Curole said that idea has been discussed with both pros and cons. The Conference agreed that it is too late to start planning the Symposium for August and that a project committee would be assembled to discuss the three events.

III. New Business

Mr. Curole feels that BTNEP needs to state that canal dredging is a factor along with other factors in the coastal erosion problem. There is now scientific data to support this, which was reported in an article in the Times-Picayune. Mr. Cheramie asked if the Conference will receive copies of any correspondence sent out with this type of statement. Mr. Curole stated that anyone who wishes to be involved in any thing that BTNEP puts out to call the program office, you will be faxed anything that is being worked on. If anyone wants to know ahead of time, they should call the office to have their name put on a list and they will be faxed anything that is in the draft phase. It was addressed that this newspaper article needs to be reviewed by BTNEP staff to see if it is correct and if the staff agrees with the interpretation of the data by the reporter of the article before this information should be used.

IV. Set Next Meeting Date

The next Management Conference meeting was tentatively scheduled for September 24, 1997.

V. Adjourn