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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #92

9:30 a.m. – 12:00 pm Thursday, August 6, 2020

Nicholls State University

Virtual Zoom Meeting

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 from MC #90 & MC# 91 (No minutes)
5. **PROGRAM ACTIVITIES** - 9:40 A.M. – 9:50 A.M.

* **Personnel Changes –**
* Richard DeMay has retired as of July 4, 2020
* **BTNEP Meeting Report – April 20, 2020 to July 19, 2020**
* Alma attended a Go to Webinar - National Marine Webinar Series: Bringing the Ocean to You!
* Alma hosted the Education Action Plan team meeting and project proposal submission via email and conference call
* Seth hosted the Cultural Heritage Action Plan team meeting and project proposal submission via email and conference call
* Andrew hosted the Water Quality Action Plan meeting and project proposal submission via email and conference call
* BTNEP Staff Annual Workplan Development meeting via email and conference call
* Nicole and Dean worked on weekly administrative duties via email and phone
* Nicole will be worked weekly with Linda Tabor via email and phone
* Natalie and Delaina attended a Webinar: Protecting Birds on the Gulf Coast 10 Years after Deepwater Horizon
* Alma attended the State Champion Status Conference Call
* Delaina attended a Webinar: Deepwater Horizon 10: A Decade of Restoration
* Alma attended a Webinar with Nicholls State University on Netiquette 101: Professional Technology Communication
* Siva attended a Webinar: COVID-compliant field sampling and watershed monitoring
* Alma attended a Webinar: Nicholls Continuing Learning Conference

## Siva attended a Go to Webinar - Sacred Rivers Carbon Project Update

* Natalie attended a Webinar: Pesticides & Pollinators: Understanding the Risk
* Natalie attended a Webinar: Fish and Wildlife Service – Urban Wildlife Conservation Program Strategic Planning
* Siva attended a teleconference with South Central Planning Development Center about the Bayou Lafourche Home Sewage Assistance Project
* Dean has attended LUMCON management team conference calls on Friday
* Dean has attended the ANEP Board meeting via Conference call
* Dean has attended the BTEF Board meeting via Conference call
* Alma has attended a Go To Webinar - Diving into Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary with Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants
* Alma has attended a Go To Webinar - The Future is Durable: The problem of plastic pollution, and messaging solutions for a sustainable world
* Alma has attended the Louisiana Recycling Coalition Meeting Board Meeting via conference call
* Alma has attended the Fully Serving the Underserved Conference Call
* Alma has attended the Webinar - Exploring the Sounds of Gray's Reef National Marine Sanctuary with Exploring by the Seat of Your Pants
* Alma has attended the Embrace Working Group Call
* Delaina has attended a meeting with LA Audubon and LDWF to assess potential participation in Beach-nesting Bird Monitoring for Region-Wide TIG Bird Projects
* Delaina has attended a Webinar: Barrier Island Restoration in Coastal Louisiana CPRA
* Natalie will be attended a Webinar - Xerces classroom - North American Bee Diversity
* Alma has attended the Embrace the Gulf State Champion Status Conference Call
* Delaina has attended content for Gulf Coast Joint Venture Bird Nesting Island Cooperative Priority Sites Meeting
* Natalie has attended a Webinar: Bumble Bees - Charismatic Megafauna of the Backyard Safari by the Xerces Society
* Nicole has attended a Conference Call with Amber discussing our next management conference meeting
* Delaina has attended a Webinar: Galveston Bay Shoreline Protection
* Delaina has attended a Webinar: Shorebird Webinar on data collection presented by Manomet
* Delaina and Natalie has attended the CPRA Webinar: Restoring Queen Bess Island
* Alma has attended a Webinar: Galveston Bay Shoreline Protection
* Andrew has attended a Board meeting for Master Naturalists via ZOOM
* Andrew has attended a Watershed Region 6 Committee Meeting
* Natalie has attended a Webinar: The Xerces Society Webinar presentation
* Nicole attended a Conference Call with Amber discussing our next management conference meeting
* Alma attended a Go to Webinar: 2020 NEP Coastal Watersheds Grant Program
* Alma attended the Embrace the Gulf Working Group Conference Call
* Alma, Delaina, Natalie, Dean, Seth attended a Webinar: RAE Competitive Grants seminar
* Alma presented a Zoom Presentation for Swamp Camp
* Alma attended a Conference call with Opera for Earth to discuss a possible fundraiser for Environmental Education
* Andrew attended a phone conference discussion with BLFWD about home sewage inspection subcontractor
* Andrew attended a phone conference discussion with GOMP about Semi-annual report and home sewage payments to homeowners
* Matt attended the Grand Liard pre-bid zoom meeting with CPRA
* Matt attended Terrebonne Coastal Zone Management meetings
* Delaina attended a Webinar: Lessons Learned from the Gulf of Mexico Living Shorelines Suitability Models and Decision Support Tool
* Seth coordinated with LDWF, Shell, Restore or Retreat to discuss November Queen Bess planting
* Siva attended a Webinar: "Supporting Anaerobic Digestion in Communities, Request for Applications"
* Siva attended a EPA Webinar: EPA Expands Research on SARS-CoV-2 in the Environment
* BTNEP Staff attended a Webinar: CPRA - River Reintroduction into Maurepas Swamp
* Delaina attended the EarthxOcean Virtual Conference
* Dean attended the zoom meeting for the Governor’s Advisory Commission on Coastal Protection, Restoration and Conservation
* Delaina attended a Gulf Coast Joint Venture Bird Island Priority Areas Meeting
* Alma, Andrew and Siva attended a Zoom Presentation for South Louisiana Wetland Discovery Center Campers
* Alma attended the GOMA Marine Debris Cross Team Virtual Meeting
* Andrew, Siva, and Dean attended a Teleconference call with Danny Weigand, Gulf of Mexico Division for Bayou Folse project and a no-cost time extension.
* Seth attended a Webinar Mobile Bay NEP: Alabama Barrier Island Restoration Assessment
* Natalie attended Orleans Audubon Society Webinar: Plants for Birds
* Delaina and Natalie attended a Webinar: Purple Martins Need You: How to Help the Human-Dependent Native Songbird
* Delaina attended a Webinar: An International Shorebird Survey
* Delaina collaborated with Gulf Coast Joint Venture on Bird Island Priorities.
* Delaina worked with Coastal Bend Bays and Estuaries Program to discuss an additional funding opportunity through USFWS for Red knot funding.
* Delaina attended a Webinar: The Brown Pelicans of Coastal Louisiana American Bird Association
* BTNEP Staff, Kristine Peterson, and Scott DeMyres attended the Go to Meeting for Climate Ready Estuaries
* BTNEP Staff attended a Virtual Meet and Greet for BTNEP and Lisa Rickards
* Matt attended Queen Bess Island planting meeting
* Siva attended a EPA Webinar: The Disaster Debris Recovery Tool - Materials Management for Debris Planning and Emergency Response
* Siva attended a virtual career panel for the LUMCON REU professional development program
* Alma attended a Teleconference: Bayou Lafourche Freshwater District meeting
* Alma attended GOMA EEN Workshop Planning "Fully Serving the Underserved" GOMA State Champion Status Call
* Andrew attended a Louisiana Master Naturalist Greater New Orleans Board meeting
* Andrew attended a phone call with South Central Planning Development Center
* Natalie attended a Webinar: "All About the International Shorebird Survey"
* Natalie attended a Webinar: Bring Back the Pollinators
* Natalie attended a Webinar: " Let's Talk About Talking Fish featuring Dr. Kelly Boyle
* Natalie attended a meeting with Quenton Fontenot and James Lucas to discuss and select Chimney Swift tower location on Nicholls campus
* Alma attended a GOMA - Marine Debris Initiative Conference Call
* Alma attended a GOMA Environmental Education Team June Webinar
* Alma attended a Webinar: Getting Ready for Plastic Free July
* Delaina attended a meeting with Tina Whitaker, Nicholls State University to discuss USFWS Red Knot Prey Base Study.
* Delaina attended a Webinar: Coast wide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) 101
* Siva and Andrew attended a Teleconference with Pat Gordon, SCPDC regarding the quarterly report for Bayou Lafourche Home Sewage Assistance project
* Siva and Andrew attended a Teleconference Watershed steering committee for La Region 6
* **Presentations/Exhibits/Field Trips/ Volunteer Events – April 20, 2020 to July 19, 2020**
* Matt conducted Red mulberry seed collection at Woodlands Conservancy
* Matt collected toothache tree seed from Grand Isle State Park
* Natalie conducted Pollinator plant maintenance at Nicholls Farm
* Matt has worked at Nicholls State University Farm maintaining plants, potting red mulberry seeds, pesticide application, weeding, replacing shade cloth and shade house structure, and dividing grasses
* Siva and Andrew conducted Bayou Lafourche and Bayou Folse water sampling
* Natalie conducted Prothonotary warbler nest monitoring
* Natalie conducted Osprey nest platform monitoring
* Natalie conducted Chimney swift tower monitoring
* Alma accompanied Julia Lightner, LAWF at Elmer’s Island at assess damages, marine debris, and trash removal
* Siva and Andrew presented a Water quality education presentation for the South Louisiana Wetland Discovery Center, virtual summer camp
* **Additional Topics: – April 20, 2020 to July 19, 2020**
* BTNEP Staff completed all State training
* Alma worked with EPA Gulf of Mexico Program on finalizing grant for Sustainable Festivals
* Alma worked with EPA Gulf of Mexico Alliance on Marine Debris Prevention Plan
* Delaina worked with CPRA to finalize draft for scope of services contract for the Caminada/Whiskey Winter Bird Analysis Project
* Delaina submitted the Migratory and Resident Bird Action Plan Projects for 2021
* Delaina submitted additional Migratory and Resident Bird projects that are funded for 2021
* Delaina worked on a collaborative proposal with USGS and CBBEP: Distributions, Prey Base, and Activity of Red Knots Wintering in the Northern Gulf of Mexico
* Delaina assisted U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to connect with Town of Grand Isle in regards to reporting of Dead Sea turtles.
* Richard developed paperwork for EPA in support of contractual project
* Richard worked on Audubon publication
* Andrew and Siva worked on Data Analysis for the project, “Water Quality Improvement, Education and Outreach in the Bayou Lafourche Watershed, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary System”
* Andrew and Siva contacted Pace Analytical Laboratories about issue with sample dilution limits for the project, “Water Quality Improvement, Education and Outreach in the Bayou Lafourche Watershed, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary System”
* Siva worked on “Water Quality Improvement, Education and Outreach in the Bayou Lafourche Watershed, Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary System” project quarterly report
* Siva contacted LDEQ to request laboratory data results for project, “Water Quality Sampling, Onsite disposal system inspections (OSDS) and Education in the Barataria-Terrebonne Basins”
* Delaina contacted partners and potential contractors to assist with Piping Plover winter bird surveys associated with CPRA project TE-0143 (Terrebonne Basin Barrier Island and Beach Nourishment)
* Delaina submitted a letter of support for Audubon Louisiana grant proposal
* Delaina submitted a letter of reference for Norman Wildlife Consultants state permit to conduct bird abatement activities application
* Delaina worked on a survey for the Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network Group (GoMAMN)
* Alma worked on submitting the Bayou Community Grant for Bayou Lafourche Cleanup 2021
* Andrew worked on the Quarterly report to LDEQ for Bayou Folse project
* Alma worked on Louisiana Environmental Education Commission grant extension request
* Alma worked on Gulf of Mexico Program Marine Debris Grant extension.
* Alma worked on "Serving the Underserved Conference" scheduled for the Fall
* Delaina finalized the gap analysis for the Gulf of Mexico Avian Monitoring Network Group (GoMAMN)
* Delaina worked on draft of Quality Assurance Project Plan for the 2021 Breeding Bird Surveys and submitted to co-investigators
* Alma worked on data from Bayou Lafourche Cleanup and Elmer's Island
* Delaina worked on draft of Quality Assurance Project Plan for the 2021 Breeding Bird Surveys
* Delaina submitted edits to the Gulf Coast Joint Venture Bird Island Priority nesting island priorities document
* Delaina attended The Master Plan Process and Incorporating New Research presented by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority
* Richard worked on Climate Ready Estuaries Project
* Andrew worked on semiannual report for Bayou Folse GMD program
* Andrew and Siva worked on quarterly report for Bayou Folse LDEQ project
* Andrew worked with Linda Tabor, BTEF about Federal Financial Report to EPA
* Andrew and Siva coordinated with BLFWD about independent contractor position for Bayou Folse Home Sewage Inspection
* Seth planning for volunteer event for Queen Bess Planting on November 13
* Delaina continued to collaborate with Gulf Coast Joint Venture on Bird Island Priorities
* Delaina worked with Ronnie Paille (USFWS) on award for Available Prey Base on a Louisiana Migratory Stopover Site for Red knots. Migratory Fueling: Prey distribution and diet of Red knots in Louisiana.

III MEDIA COVERAGE (For April 20, 2020 – July 19, 2020)

1. Media Coverage (4.19.20-7.19.20)

* *“Can the CWSRF Represent a Financial Nexus of Climate Change and Water?”* – June 17, 2020 ***waterfm.com***

1. **PROJECT STATUS**

* Request for Contract – Request for Payment – “Red Knot Census on the Chandeleur Island and Grand Isle (671RKGI) – Delaina LeBlanc
* Request for Contract – “Layout and Design of Audubon Louisiana” EPA Grant No. CE-00666014, EPA Tracking No. 2018-07
* Request for Payment – Invoice 2 – “Support for BTNEP Water Quality Sampling and Education” Grant Number 671WQIE/WQSE BTNEP20-09 – Siva Nunna
* Request for Payment - “Service for Woody Species Collection and Propagation Related to the Operation and Maintenance of the Bayou DuPont Marsh and Restoration Project (BA-0048) and the Grand Liard Marsh and Ridge Restoration Project (BA-0068) – Jefferson Parish and Plaquemines Parishes” – Matt Benoit
* Request for Contract – “Support for BTNEP Water Quality Sampling and Education” – Emily Elliott Invoice 3 671WQIE/WQSE – Siva Nunna
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP 2020 Media Relations” EPA Grant No. CE-000666014; EPA Tracking No. 2018-20 – Seth Moncrief
* Request for Payment - “BTNEP Communications and Print” EPA Grant No. CE-01F68001 EPA Tracking No. 2020-10 – Seth Moncrief

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

9:50 A.M. – 9:55 A.M.

* Save the Date – November 5, 2020 – Location TBD, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – February 4, 2021 – Location TBD, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – May 6, 2021 – Location TBD, Nicholls State University

**V. OTHER IMPORTANT UPCOMING EVENTS AND RELATED DATES** –

1. **DISCUSSION ITEMS** – 10:00 A.M. – 12:00 Noon
   1. “Saving Marshes and Ridges Together: A SMART Partnership”. Matt Benoit, BTNEP (30-minutes)
   2. “Baseline data on plant demography and performance of Chinese Tallow in Louisiana: Preparing for Biological control, Veronica Manrique (30-minutes)

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**IX. ADJOURN**