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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #95

Thursday, May 6, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

9:30 am to 11 am

**Call to Order**

* Welcome - Quenton Fontenot, BTNEP MC Chair
* Roll Call - Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
* Reading and Approval of Minutes from MC #94

**Program Overview and Update**

* Agenda Review - T. Bradley Keith, BTNEP Director
* Program overview and updates

**Presentation of Draft Annual Work Plan**

* Budget Overview- Dean Blanchard, BTNEP Deputy Director
* Overview of Proposed Projects - BTNEP Project Managers

**Management Conference Discussion on Draft Annual Work Plan**

* Discussion facilitated by BTNEP Management Conference Chair

**Other BTNEP Business**

* Status on Additional Project Proposals from BTNEP this quarter - Staff
* Discussion of Process for compiling comments to submit to USACE on Mid Barataria Sediment Diversion - T. Bradley Keith

**Upcoming Scheduled BTNEP Management Conference Meetings**

* Save the Date – August 5, 2021 – Location Virtual, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – November 4, 2021 – Location Virtual, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – February 3, 2022 – Location TBD, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – May 5, 2022 – Location TBD, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – August 4, 2022 – Location Virtual, Nicholls State University
* Save the Date – November 3, 2022 – Location Virtual, Nicholls State University

**Media Coverage - Presented for review**

* “Volunteers work together to pull trash out of Bayou Lafourche for annual event,” – April 5, 2021 Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)
* “Car seats, Legos and Christmas trees: Volunteers work together to pull trash out of Bayou Lafourche,” – April 5, 2021 houmatoday.com (Houma, LA) <https://www.houmatoday.com/story/news/2021/04/05/volunteers-work-together-pull-trash-out-bayou-lafourche/6981448002/>
* “T. Bradley Keith Named New Director of BTNEP,” - March, 2021 Bayou Business Monthly (Houma, LA)
* “‘Man, let’s go!’: Environmental groups cheer release of river diversion report in Louisiana,” - March 5, 2021 nola.com (New Orleans, LA)
* “Don’t put crawfish boil, shells, down storm drain,” - February 28, 2021 wwl.com (New Orleans, LA)
* “Agency: Don’t put crawfish boil, shells, down storm drain,” - February 28, 2021 WRAL.com (Baton Rouge, LA)
* “10th Annual Bayou Lafourche Cleanup March 1-15,” - February 27, 2021 houmatoday.com (Houma, LA)
* “Louisiana Considered: Homelessness Surges, Cancer Alley Study, Greener Festivals,” - February 19, 2021 wwno.org (New Orleans, LA)
* “Congress reaffirms investment in nation’s estuaries, doubles federal funding,” - February 5, 2021 houmatoday.com (Houma, LA)
* “Congress reaffirms investment in estuaries, doubles funding,” - February 5, 2021 Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)
* “Cassidy announces National Estuary Program reauthorization, increases funding for Louisiana coastal ecosystem,” - February 5, 2021 wgno.com (New Orleans, LA)
* “Grant to help reduce plastic waste at parades,” – January 20, 2021 Daily Comet (Thibodaux, LA)
* “Carnival throws targeted for change,” – January 18, 2021 Metro (New Orleans, LA)
* “In Mardi Gras season, could wooden tokens be an alternative to plastic beads,” – January 17, 2021 nola.com (New Orleans, LA) New Business or Comments from Management Conference members

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