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**Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program**

Management Conference Agenda - Meeting #96

Thursday, August 5, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

9:30 am to 11 am

**Call to Order**

* Welcome and Opening Remarks from the Chair - Quenton Fontenot, MC Chair
* Roll Call - Nicole Babin, BTNEP Office Coordinator
* Approval of the Minutes from MC #95 of May 6, 2021

**Director’s Report –** T. Bradley Keith

* Agenda Review – Congressmen Garret Gravis will call in
* Program Update – A Look Ahead

**Team Updates – Ongoing BTNEP Project Work in the Estuary**

* Water Quality – Andrew Barron, Senior Scientist
* Sustainability – Alma Robichaux, Education/Outreach Coordinator
* Native Plant Production – Matt Benoit, Habitat Restoration Coordinator

**Partner Presentations**

* Jonathan Foret - South Louisiana Wetland Discovery Center

*Restore the Earth Cypress Forest Restoration*

**Operations Update –** Dean Blanchard, Deputy Director

**Project Spotlight-**

* Pollinator Conservation Project – Natalie Waters, Bird Conservation Coordinator

**Other Business**

**Upcoming Scheduled BTNEP Management Conference Meetings**

* Save the Date – November 4, 2021 – Location TBD, 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 TBD, Nicholls State University
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**Media Coverage - Presented for review**

* *“Attract and conserve monarch butterflies with these free plants from Thibodaux group,” – July 14, 2021* ***houmatoday.com*** *(Houma, LA)* [*https://www.houmatoday.com/story/news/2021/07/14/btnep-hosting-free-native-milkweed-plant-giveaway-in-thibodaux/7949682002/*](https://www.houmatoday.com/story/news/2021/07/14/btnep-hosting-free-native-milkweed-plant-giveaway-in-thibodaux/7949682002/)
* *“French Quarter Festival Returns Sept. 30-Oct. 2,”* – June 24, 2021 ***St.MaryNow.com*** (New Orleans, LA)<https://www.stmarynow.com/lifestyle/french-quarter-festival-returns-sept-30-oct-2>
* *“Satchmo Summer Fest Announces Music And Jazz Scholar Lineup,”* – June 10, 2021 ***offbeat.com*** (New Orleans, LA)<https://www.offbeat.com/news/satchmo-summer-fest-announces-music-and-jazz-scholar-lineup/>
* *“How a hurricane and tainted drinking water spurred efforts to restore Bayou Lafourche,”* – June 7, 2021 ***nola.com*** (New Orleans, LA)<https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article_451592f0-c4a7-11eb-bc02-8f61079a8834.html>
* *“Bayou Rebirth: Fixing a century-old mistake that robbed Louisiana of land and a scenic waterway,” –* June 4, 2021***nola.com***(New Orleans, LA)<https://www.nola.com/news/environment/article_70cbb236-b191-11eb-93fa-af3599177e15.html>
* *“The Smithsonian Water/Ways Traveling Exhibit” –* May 27, 2021***Thibodaux Chamber Insight***(Thibodaux, LA)

**Adjourn**