

SUBJECT: Minutes from the 8 December 2022 CWPPRA Technical Committee Meeting

1. Mr. Mark Wingate opened the meeting at 9:30 a.m. The following Technical Committee members were in attendance:

Ms. Karen McCormick, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Mr. Patrick Williams, National Marine and Fisheries Service (NMFS)
Mr. Mark Wingate, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Chairman
Mr. Brian Lezina, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA)
Mr. Britt Paul, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS)
Mr. Robert Dubois, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) sitting for Kevin Roy

A copy of the agenda is included as **Encl 1**. A copy of the attendance sheet is included as **Encl 2**.

2. Agenda Item 1. Meeting Initiation

The meeting was conducted via WebEx virtual meeting platform, and in person at the USACE Office building in New Orleans, LA. Mr. Wingate introduced himself and welcomed those in attendance. He then iterated safety/ emergency exit procedures and described restroom locations in lieu of ongoing construction. He introduced Ms. Bayliss Walker, who is the new CWPPRA financial director. Mr. Wingate noted Ms. Jernice Cheavis' presence and expressed his confidence in the appointment of Ms. Walter as her replacement. Mr. Wingate asked the Technical Committee members to introduce themselves, which they did.

Mr. Wingate opened the floor to discussion from the Technical Committee regarding the agenda; no additions or changes were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to adopt the agenda. Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Paul seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

Finally, Mr. Wingate called upon Alice Kerl (USACE) who reviewed the appropriate process for recording attendance and making public comment both virtually and in person.

3. Agenda Item 2. Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects

Ms. Baylissa Walter, USACE, presented an overview of CWPPRA funds. The fully funded total Program Estimate since its inception to the present (authorized projects from PPLs 1 – 31) is \$3.272 billion. The total funded estimate (received since inception and anticipated through FY2026) is \$2.605 billion, leaving a potential gap of \$667 million if the Program were to construct, operate and maintain all projects to date. This gap will be altered as future federal funding is appropriated for CWPPRA beyond 2026. Current Task Force-approved funding for projects in Phase I, Phase II, and O&M and Monitoring totals \$2.428 billion. The estimate of authorized funding for each agency as requested currently totals \$2,102 billion (which does not exceed the Total Program Estimate. There are three agenda items today for budget increases; if all are approved for recommendation to the Task Force, the Total Program Estimate would increase by \$1,081,282.15, rendering a new Total Program Estimate of \$3,272,951,727.68.

The CWPPRA Construction Program has \$128,261,824.00 of funding carried forth from the October Task Force meeting. The FY23 DOI funding in the amount of \$89,624,066 has been received. Thus, the total Construction Program funding to begin today's proceedings is \$217,903,890. If today's budget requests/ increases are approved at these proceedings, the Federal share (\$1,999,282.03) will be subtracted, and the available Construction balance would be \$216,704,607.97. (This total will be updated as voting results are obtained.)

CWPPRA has authorized 234 projects. The 129 active projects include 27 in Phase I Engineering and Design, and 22 in Phase II Construction. There are 74 projects which have been constructed and are now in O&M and Monitoring phase, and 6 support programs – Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS), monitoring contingency, storm recovery, Construction Program technical support, the Navigational Aid and Signage program, and the wetland conservation plan. Forty-seven (47) projects have been completed and closed financially. Additionally, CWPPRA has deauthorized 49 projects, transferred 10 projects, and placed 5 in the inactive category.

Mr. Wingate opened the floor to discussion from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

4. Agenda Item 3. Report: *Electronic Votes and Approvals*

Sarah Bradley, USACE, reported on recent electronic voting results. Two electronic votes were conducted since the October Task Force meetings, both of which involved four (4) scope change requests necessitated by CWPPRA SOP. On November 17, 2022, the Technical Committee voted to recommend Task Force approval of the scope changes for the following:

- Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Restoration (BA-217) Increment I,
- Phoenix Marsh Restoration (BS-42) East Increment,
- Phoenix Marsh Creation (BS-44) West Increment,
- Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation (ME-37).

On December 5, 2022, the CWPPRA Task Force approved those recommendations. Ms. Bradley noted that three of these four projects will be detailed later in Agenda Item #10 – Phase II Authorization and Funding.

Mr. Wingate opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

5. Agenda Item 4. Report: *Status of the Coastwide Salvinia Weevil Propagation Facility (LA-284) Project*

Ronnie Paille (FWS) initiated his report with a brief history of the project, which was approved in 2017. Rather than construct ponds, budgeted funds have been utilized to rent, operate and maintain four (4) ponds for weevil propagation at ULL Cade Farm. Additionally, LSU is utilizing ponds at St. Gabriel. Much of the budget is sent to LSU, which is responsible for the O&M and for data collection. This data collection monitors adult and larval weevil populations, and largely determines an optimal time for harvest and release events. Mr. Paille demonstrated that the number of landowners participating in releases has increased yearly. The number of parishes throughout the state into which weevils have been released has increased as well.

Mr. Paille shifted his focus to problematic issues which have become apparent despite the increases in participation and release site locations. At the St. Gabriel ponds, invasive apple snails are now in the system. At the Cade ponds, invasive Cuban Bullrush has been found growing on top of the salvinia. Both invasives render those ponds unusable for harvest. A potential solution is greenhouse propagation, which would allow controlled warming of the water to extend (tropical) weevil propagation time and potentiate earlier (and repeated) release of the weevils into sites before the salvinia growth is too dense.

Release site monitoring is currently conducted at two landowner sites – Bayou Cane and Delcambre. At a third site monitoring/ access issues could not be resolved. Drone imagery for vegetative surveys and weevil density monitoring occurred ten times over the course of three years after weevil release. The Bayou Cane site consists of two release sites and two control sites. At the Delcambre site the release and control sites are rather contiguous, which confounds the monitoring. Monitoring data indicates that weevil populations are negatively impacted by water temperatures (19°C). (Salinity level data is inconclusive. Storms events and tides affect the sites by moving the salvinia (and weevil populations) in or out, thus confounding data collection.

LSU efforts include outreach through social media, increasing student involvement. Future plans include a shift to greenhouse propagation of the weevils, switching the release of harvested weevils to an “upstream” watershed strategy and eliminating USGS aerial imagery (which is ineffective in forested swamp areas). A cold-tolerant weevil has been identified in South America; LSU researchers are considering bringing those in and studying their potential for use in the (mostly temperate) climate throughout Louisiana.

Mr. Wingate opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

6. Agenda Item 5. *Report/Decision: Status of the Navigation Aids and Signage (LA-328) Program and Request for a Budget Increase and Funding Allocation*

Brandon Champagne (CPRA) began his report with a reminder that this project was approved in January 2022 in order to maintain Navigational Aids on closed CWPPRA projects. There are currently about 13 CWPPRA projects that now employ Navigational aids, a number which will necessarily increase as more projects are implemented. Each project that will require navigational aids requires detailed implementation procedures to ascertain costs and develop cost-share agreements, define specific nav-aid features and bid specifications, and acquire landrights agreements for the placement of and assure access to the nav-aids. The cost of landrights procurement for the existing projects is an estimated \$1.7 million, although attempts to reduce that estimated have been considered. Mr. Champagne provided individual estimates of and justification for costs to secure landrights for each of the existing projects. Landrights costs would (ideally) be considered during initial project planning and calculated into total project costs of future CWPPRA projects.

After a brief overview of other options, Mr. Champagne formally requested a budget increase in the amount of \$880,000 to obtain (and complete) current landrights for LA-328.

Mr. Wingate opened the floor to comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve recommendation to the Task Force a Budget Increase and Funding Allocation of \$880,000 for LA-328.

DECISION: Mr. Lezina made the motion, which Mr. Paul seconded; the motion carried without opposition.

7. Agenda Item 6. *Decision: Request for a Scope Change and a Budget Increase for the CWPPRA FY23 Outreach Planning Budget for the Nicholls University Partnership Opportunity*

Lauren Leonpacher (USGS) announced that CWPPRA Outreach was approached by Nicholls University to establish a partnership with its new Coastal Center – a planned research and educational facility intended to support and pursue protection, restoration, and adaptation efforts in Coastal Louisiana. Ground-breaking is anticipated in March 2023; projected completion is spring 2024. Construction is being funded by CPRA. The center will house research and engineering laboratories, exhibit space, conference and training spaces, and offices. CWPPRA and BTNEP (among other unspecified agencies) have been invited to invest in the exhibit space. Ms. Leonpacher provided details of the partnership, describing a professionally curated exhibit dedicated to CWPPRA for 7-10 years, the content of which would be determined by CWPPRA. A one-time CWPPRA investment of \$77,000 would also include the availability of meeting/event space and require no operation and maintenance from CWPPRA staff. Collaboration with BTNEP could potentially result in leveraging of collective funding. Although final components of the contract have not been negotiated, Ms. Leonpacher iterated multiple benefits to be gained from this partnership with Nicholls University. She finally suggested that funding would potentially come from unused Watermarks funds (FY20) and various unused Outreach funds (FY21). She thus made the formal request for an Outreach Planning Budget increase for FY23 in the amount of \$77,000.

Mr. Wingate called for comments from the Technical Committee. Ms. McCormick spoke of this as a great opportunity. Mr. Dubois declared himself a Nicholls alumnus and proffered his support.

Mr. Wingate called for public comment. Susan Testroet-Bergeron, also a Nicholls alumnus and former BTNEP director, spoke in support of this request, asserting that Nicholls produces “many” professionals who serve coastal communities.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve the Scope Change and a Budget Increase for the CWPPRA FY23 Outreach Planning Budget for the Nicholls University Partnership Opportunity.

DECISION: Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Williams seconded; the motion carried without opposition.

8. Agenda Item 7. *Decision: Request for a No-Cost Increase, 20-Year Project Life Extension on the West Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-03) Project and a Transfer of Funding from O&M to Monitoring*

Terri Von Hoven, USACE, was called upon to present the next agenda item concerning MR-03, a PPL-1 project which reaches its 20-year end-of-life in November 2023. The project is located on the west bank of the Mississippi River in Plaquemines Parish approximately 4.7 miles north of Head of Passes. Originally, \$50.8 million was authorized to construct an uncontrolled diversion

channel with an average river sediment discharge of 20,000 cfs. A secondary interim channel was modified to accommodate a sediment discharge of 50,000 cfs. A net acreage of 9,800 acres was anticipated. Throughout the project life maintenance events occurred in order to strategically place sediment retention devices (SREDS – i.e., engineered islands). By 2016, in a depth analysis report (USACE Mobile District) estimated that 12.5 million cf of sediment could be attributed to sediment retention (external of sediment placement). Studies show that high or low river flow affects where sediment tends to settle and confirm the efficacy of the SREDS. Studies confirm the overall success of the project with a reduction in open water acreage, an increase in aquatic vegetation, and an increase in land mass within the project boundary. Elevation surveys further demonstrate shallower conditions which are more conducive to land-accretion and emergent vegetation. All data supports the assumption that positive land gains will continue for the duration of the project extension. Ms. Von Hoven went on to demonstrate the cost-effectiveness of the program – over the course of the 40 years (if this 20- year extension is granted) net acreage could total 4,759 at an average cost of \$10.2 thousand dollars per net acre. After reviewing the CWPPRA matrix to determine 20-year (end of life) options, she provided rationale for the extension request. Lastly, she pointed out that no additional costs to the CWPPRA Program is being sought; rather she requested that (in addition to the 20-year extension) remaining O&M funds be transferred to Monitoring within the project budget. Available funds total \$5,820,220 and the projected cost estimate for the 20-year extension is \$3,726,087; a an estimated \$2,094,133 could potentially be returned to the CWPPRA Program at the end of the extension.

Mr. Wingate called for comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve the Request for a No-Cost Increase, 20-Year Project Life Extension on the West Bay Sediment Diversion (MR-03) Project.

DECISION: Mr. Lezina made the motion, which Ms. McCormick seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve the Request for a Transfer of Funding from O&M to Monitoring in the amount of \$3,726,087 for MR-03.

DECISION: Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Lezina seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

9. Agenda Item 8. *Decision: Request for an O&M and a Monitoring Budget Increase and Funding Allocation for the Holly Beach Sand Management (CS-31) Project.*

Kent Bollfrass, CPRA, simply iterated the request for and O&M budget increase of \$5,3347.81 and a Monitoring budget increase of \$371.21 in order to reconcile the budget of project closeout.

Mr. Wingate called for comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve the Request for an O&M and a Monitoring Budget Increase and Funding Allocation for the Holly Beach Sand Management (CS-31) in the amounts specified.

DECISION: Mr. Paul made the motion, which Ms. McCormick seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

10. Agenda Item 9. *Decision: Request for a Transfer of Approved Monitoring to Approved O&M, an O&M Budget Increase, and O&M Incremental Funding for the GIWW to Clovelly Hydrologic Restoration (BA-02) Project.*

Daniel Dearmond, CPRA, briefly clarified the request for a) an O&M budget increase of \$195,563.13, and b) a transfer of \$217,799.88 in available funds from the Monitoring budget to the O&M budget – a total of \$525,201.01 in this Incremental Funding request for BA-02 in order to reconcile the budget in anticipation of project closeout.

Mr. Wingate asked for questions or comments from the Technical Committee and the public; none were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to approve the Request for a \$217,799.88 Transfer of funds from Monitoring to O&M, an \$195,563.13 O&M Budget Increase, for a total O&M Incremental Funding Request in the amount of \$525,201.01 for the GIWW to Clovelly Hydrologic Restoration (BA-02) Project.

DECISION: The motion was made by Mr. Paul and seconded by Ms. McCormick to approve the request as presented; the motion carried without opposition.

11. Agenda Item 10. *Report/Decision: Request for Phase II Authorization and Approval of Phase II Increment 1 Funding*

Representatives from the sponsoring agencies provided an detailed overview of project location, planned features, goals/ benefits, synergies and costs for each project listed in the following table:

Agency	Project No.	PPL	Project Name	Phase II, Increment 1 Request	Fully-Funded Phase 1 Cost	Fully-Funded Phase II Cost incl O&M	Total Fully Funded Cost Est.	Net Benefit Acres	Total Cost per Acre
FWS	PO-181	27	Bayou Cane Marsh Creation	\$36,648,434	\$3,239,930	\$38,073,824	\$41,313,754	557	\$74,172
FWS	PO-179	26	St. Catherine Island Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection	\$29,245,485	\$2,389,308	\$31,831,715	\$34,221,023	169	\$202,491
FWS	BS-42	29	Phoenix Marsh Creation – East Increment	\$50,460,577	\$3,393,064	\$52,420,141	\$55,813,205	268	\$208,258
NMFS	BS-37	28	East Delacroix Marsh Creation and Terracing	\$37,634,359	\$3,642,502	\$40,750,478	\$44,392,980	319	\$139,163
FWS	BA-217	28	Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Restoration - Increment 1	\$47,710,957	\$3,463,475	\$48,865,602	\$52,329,077	225	\$232,574

NMFS	TE-117	23	Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment Project	\$29,204,548	\$3,721,447	\$30,646,103	\$34,367,550	206	\$166,833
NRCS	ME-31	19	Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation	\$34,862,619	\$2,425,997	\$36,248,974	\$38,674,971	282	\$137,145
NMFS	CS-79	25	Oyster Lake Marsh Creation and Nourishment	\$41,757,970	\$3,608,939	\$42,930,939	\$46,539,878	250	\$186,160

Mr. Wingate called for questions or comments from the Technical Committee and the public between each presentation; the following comments were proffered as the presentations were given:

Mike Benge, Delacroix Corp, spoke in favor of BS-42 and all Breton Sound projects in order to attain a contiguous line of protection along that portion of the coastline. Albertine Kimball, East Bank resident, also spoke in favor of the BS-42 project, citing its potential to “finish” the East Bank Landbridge (as was done on the West Bank) and its advantageous use of river borrow, in spite of its relatively high cost of construction.

John Lane, St. Bernard Parish spoke in support of BS-37, observing its alignment with the communities of Delacroix, Reggio and Woodlake, and its urgently needed protection for the people, economic livelihood, essential services/ infrastructure, post-Hurricane Ida re-building investments and the only existing hurricane evacuation route therein. Mr. Lamb also declared support from fervent support of stakeholders – primarily landowners and federal and state delegations. Mike Benge, Delacroix Corp, concurred and emphasized that the landbridge would provide protection for the St. Bernard levee. Blaise Pezold, spoke on behalf of the Meraux Foundation and as a private citizen in support of BS-37, citing the importance of safeguarding cultural and historical sites in the area. Guy McInnis, St. Bernard Parish President, spoke with full agreement of the previous comments and reiterated the importance of the landbridge concept for full protection.

John Helmers, Plaquemines Parish Coastal Director, spoke in support of BA-217 and its protection of the Grand Bayou historical legacy and the residents northward. He acknowledged its high price but iterated his hopes that “work with other projects” would effectively reduce costs. Albertine Kimball also expressed her support of BA-217, asserting that the newly constructed levee will need protection against wave energy.

Mart Black, Terrebonne Parish City Government, spoke in favor of TE-117 emphasizing the urgency of protecting the small communities in Eastern Terrebonne Parish – an area of “critical” land loss in the last few years.

Kara Bonsall, Calcasieu Parish Police Jury, proffered support for the CS-79 project.

With no further public comment, Mr. Wingate called for a breakout session for Technical Committee members to vote on the Authorization and Funding requests for projects as submitted. Mr. Wingate explained that the committee will employ its usual selection criteria. However, as a trial for this vote only, the committee will also employ a process that includes consideration of public comments and engaging in collective deliberation in order to come to a consensus, with the

goal of simply using CWPPRA funds wisely and effectively. Mr. Wingate invited the Technical Committee to provide additional comment or clarification regarding the new voting process. Mr. Williams reiterated that this is only a trial, that the collective and deliberative nature of this new raking process is advantageous, and it is possibly applicable to the PPL 33 process. Mr. Lezina observed that this new selection process is yet another example of the adaptability of CWPPRA members and the Program.

Mr. Wingate called for questions or comments from the public; none were forthcoming.

Mr. Wingate called recess at 11:45 a.m. for agency ranking.

Mr. Wingate reconvened the meeting, and the following results/ approvals were presented:

**CWPPRA Technical Committee Ranked list for Phase II Approval,
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	Rank	Phase 2, Increment 1 Request
BS-37 East Delacroix Marsh Creation and Terracing (PPL28)	1	\$37,634,359
BA-217 Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Restoration (PPL28)	2	\$47,710,957
TE-117 Island Road Marsh Creation and Nourishment (PPL23)	3	\$29,204,548
PO-181 Bayou Cane Marsh Creation (PPL27)	4	\$36,648,434
BS-42 Phoenix Marsh Creation - East Increment (PPL29)	5	
PO-179 St. Catherine Island Marsh Creation and Shoreline Protection (PPL26)	6	
ME-31 Freshwater Bayou Marsh Creation (PPL19)	7	
CS-79 Oyster Lake Marsh Creation and Nourishment (PPL25)	8	

\$151,198,298

NOTES:

Projects were ranked collaboratively by the agencies

Ms. Bradley announced the four top-ranked projects, which are highlighted in the table above. She then asked Ms. Walter to provide a calculation of the remaining budget amount available if these projects are recommended for funding authorization. Ms. Walter stated that the available funds are \$216,704,607. The federal portion of the Phase II Increment I total (above) would be subtracted from the initial balance, thus a remainder of \$88,186,055 is available. Ms. Bradley pointed out the necessity of holding some funds in reserve for project contingencies as the next item is approached. Mr. Wingate concurred with Ms. Bradley's assertion regarding funding reserves.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to recommend the selected projects to the Task Force for Phase II Authorization and Phase II Increment I Funding.

Mr. Williams made the motion, which Ms. McCormick seconded; the motion carried without dissent.

12. Agenda Item 11. *Report/Decision: 32nd Priority Project List*

Kristen Ramsey, FWS, presented a brief overview of the ten PPL 32 candidate projects, which have been evaluated, and are being considered for Phase I Engineering and Design. She summarized the location, scope, goals, and anticipated costs of each project, as they are oriented geographically east to west across the coast.

Region	Basin	PPL 32 Candidates	Agency
1	Pontchartrain	Bayou Ducros Marsh Creation	NRCS
2	Breton Sound	Yscloskey Marsh Creation	FWS
2	Breton Sound	Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation	EPA
2	Barataria	West Dupre Cut Marsh Creation	NRCS
2	Barataria	Bayou Chevreuil Hydrologic Restoration & Vegetative Planting	EPA
2	Barataria	Northwest Little Lake Marsh Creation	FWS
2	Barataria	Southeast Golden Meadow Marsh Creation	FWS
3	Terrebonne	Southwest Golden Meadow Marsh Creation	FWS
3	Terrebonne	Bayou Jean Lacroix Marsh Creation	NRCS
4	Calcasieu-Sabine	East Cove South Marsh Creation	NRCS

Ms. Ramsey concluded by presenting and explaining the Project Evaluation Matrix table which will aid in the project selection process. Mr. Wingate commended Ms. Ramsey for her presentation, and acknowledged the work groups and experts at the local, state and federal levels, who have worked extensively and gathered information necessary to develop these projects.

Mr. Wingate called for questions or comments from the Technical Committee; none were proffered.

Mr. Wingate called for comments from the public. Guy McInnis, St. Bernard Parish President, spoke in favor of the Bayou Ducros Marsh Creation, Yscloskey Marsh Creation and Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Restoration & Marsh Creation projects, re-emphasizing the landbridge strategy. He acknowledged the value of all candidate projects and commended the work of CWPPRA. John Lane, St. Bernard Parish, also urged consideration of the same three projects, drawing attention to many letters of broad-based support provided in the Technical Committee packets. Albertine Kimball spoke in support of the Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation project. Blaise Pezold, Meraux Foundation, encouraged consideration of the Bayou Ducros Marsh Creation project, the Yscloskey Marsh Creation project and the Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Restoration Projects. John Helmers, Plaquemines Parish, also supports the projects in Breton Sound which benefit both Terrebonne and Plaquemines Parishes. Amanda Voisin, Lafourche Parish, spoke to urge consideration for the Northwest Little Lake Marsh Creation project, the Southeast Golden Meadow Marsh Creation Project and the Southwest Golden Meadow Marsh Creation project. In an area that took direct damage from Hurricane Ida, there is no more marsh to buffer the lower South Lafourche levee, so marsh creation in this area would additionally

provide flood protection. Also, the rim and marsh on the Northwest side of Little Lake was obliterated by Hurricane Ida. These three projects are proposed in an area of recent critical land loss.

With no further public comment, Mr. Wingate called for a breakout session for Technical Committee members to vote.

When he reconvened the meeting, Mr. Wingate called for a presentation of the voting results.

Ms. Bradley displayed the following table. The Technical Committee employed historical methods of voting which rely first on the number of agencies supporting the project and secondly, on the raw score given to each project. She further explained that only two projects were chosen due to the funding limitations mentioned earlier. Those projects are highlighted in the table below:

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Region	Project	COE	State	EPA	FWS	NMFS	NRCS	No. of votes	Sum of Point Score
2	Yscloskey Marsh Creation	6	2	2	1	5	1	6	17
2	Northwest Little Lake Marsh Creation	1	5		6	6	5	5	23
2	Bayou Terre aux Boeufs Ridge Restoration and Marsh Creation	3	1	5	4		2	5	15
2	West Dupre Cut Marsh Creation			3	3	4	6	4	16
2	Southeast Golden Meadow Marsh Creation	4	4		2	1		4	11
1	Bayou Ducros Marsh Creation	2	3			3		3	8
3	Bayou Jean Lacroix Marsh Creation			1		2	4	3	7
2	Bayou Chevreuil Hydrologic Restoration & Vegetative Planting		6	6				2	12
3	Southwest Golden Meadow Marsh Creation	5			5			2	10
4	East Cove South Marsh Creation			4			3	2	7

Ms. Bradley then asked Ms. Walter to update available funding totals if these PPL 32 projects are approved and recommended for Phase I Engineering and Design. Ms. Walter declared that the total Engineering & Design costs estimates for the above projects is \$7,179,559. Only the federal portion will be subtracted from her previous balance of \$88,186,055, so the remaining balance carried into the spring sessions will be \$82,068,130.

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to recommend the selected PPL 32 projects to the Task Force for Phase I Engineering and Design approval.

DECISION: Mr. Paul made the motion which Mr. Williams seconded the motion; the motion carried without opposition.

13. Agenda Item 12. *Additional Agenda Items*

No items were added to the agenda earlier, but Mr. Wingate summoned Britt Paul, NRCS, who formally announced the retirement of Quin Kinler, NRCS. Mr. Kinler has served the CWPPRA Program since its inception. Mr. Paul spoke of the influence Mr. Kinler has had on many elements of the Program. Mr. Paul along with several Technical Committee members expressed words of appreciation and high praise for Mr. Kinler's expertise, commitment and willing service and offered their good wishes. Mr. Kinler was presented with a certificate of appreciation.

14. Agenda Item 13. *Request for Public Comments*

Mr. Wingate called for final public comment; Blaise Pezold offered his congratulations to Mr. Kinler.

15. Agenda Item 14. Announcement: Priority Project List 31 Regional Planning Team Meetings

Ms. Bradley presented the following RPT meeting schedule:

February 7, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region IV Planning Team Meeting	Lake Charles
February 8, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region III Planning Team Meeting	Morgan City
February 9, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region I & II Planning Team Meeting	Mandeville
February 23, 2023	10:30 a.m.	Coastwide Electronic Voting	(via email, no meeting)

16. Agenda Item 15. Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting

Ms. Bradley announced that the next Task Force meeting would be held Friday, January 26, 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the USACE office building.

17. Agenda Item 16. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings*

Ms. Bradley imparted the following CWPPRA meeting schedule:

January 26, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
February 7, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region IV Planning Team Meeting	Lake Charles
February 8, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region III Planning Team Meeting	Morgan City
February 9, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Region I & II Planning Team Meeting	Mandeville
April 6, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	Baton Rouge
May 4, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	Lafayette

September 7, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	New Orleans
October 5, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Task Force	New Orleans
December 7, 2023	9:30 a.m.	Technical Committee Meeting	New Orleans

*subject to change

16. Agenda Item 15. Decision: Adjourn

Mr. Wingate called for a motion to adjourn the proceedings. Ms. McCormick made the motion, which Mr. Williams seconded; the motion carried without dissent. The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.