

**BREAUX ACT**  
**Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act**

**TASK FORCE MEETING**  
**06 May 2020**

**Minutes**

**I. INTRODUCTION**

Colonel Stephen Murphy convened the 101st meeting of the Louisiana Coastal Wetlands Conservation and Restoration Task Force. The meeting began at 9:30 a.m. on May 6, 2020, via WebEx virtual meeting platform. The agenda is shown as Enclosure 1. The Task Force was created by the Coastal Wetlands Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA, commonly known as the Breaux Act), which was signed into law (PL 101-646, Title III) by President George Bush on November 29, 1990.

**II. ATTENDEES**

The attendance record for the Task Force Meeting is presented as Enclosure 2. The Task Force members acknowledged their presence as follows:

Col. Stephen Murphy (USACE), Chairperson  
Mr. Bren Haase (CPRA, for the State of Louisiana)  
Mr. Charles Maguire (EPA, Region 6)  
Mr. Chad Kacir (NRCS, for the U.S. Department of Agriculture)  
Mr. Chris Doley (NOAA Fisheries Service, for the U.S. Department of Commerce)  
Mr. Jeffery Weller (USFWS, for the U.S. Department of Interior)

**III. OPENING REMARKS**

Col. Murphy introduced himself, and performed roll call of Task Force members. He addressed the public by iterating statistically the ecological and economic imperatives of Louisiana's coastal wetland restoration efforts for the nation. He acknowledged the change of meeting format (a first-time virtual experience) as the nation responds to the COVID 19 pandemic, and asked for the patience of all in virtual attendance.

**IV. AGENDA and MINUTES**

Col. Murphy asked if the Task Force had any changes to make to the agenda; none were proffered. Col. Murphy asked for a motion to accept the agenda. Mr. Maguire made the motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kacir; the motion carried without dissent.

Col. Murphy reviewed procedures for public participation within this virtual format.

**V. TASK FORCE DECISIONS**

**Agenda Item #2 -- Decision: Adoption of the Minutes from the January 29, 2020 Task Force Meeting (Brad Inman, USACE)**

In lieu of reading them, Mr. Inman reminded attendees that the minutes been sent to the agencies for review and edits. The revised version is presented in Task Force binders. Mr. Inman invited questions or comments from the Task Force; with none proffered, he recommended adoption of the 29 January 2020 Task Force meeting minutes.

*Col Murphy called for any opposition to adopt the minutes as presented; none was proffered. He declared the minutes formally adopted.*

**Agenda Item #9 -- Decision: Request of Funds for East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration, Phase 1 (TE-25) Monitoring Cost During Closeout (Cecelia Linder, NMFS)**

Ms. Linder began the request by pointing out that TE-25 is a PPL-3 project completed in 2000. She explained that approximately \$224,000 in surplus funds was returned to the Program in 2004, but discrepancies exist (between the USACE and OS systems) in the tracking of those funds. This request is basically to correct the project balance. The request for \$73,576.43 from the CWPPRA program's available funds, in order to financially close the long-term phase of the TE-25, was approved for recommendation by the Technical Committee.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the recommendation of the Technical Committee for funding in the amount of \$73,576.43 for the East Timbalier Island Sediment Restoration Phase I (TE-25) project. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Haase seconded; the motion carried without dissent.*

**Agenda Item #10 -- Decision: Request For a No-Cost Time Extension for Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04)**

Brit Paul, NRCS, made the request to accept the Technical Committee recommendation to approve a one-year no cost time extension for Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration. He explained that CPRA and NRCS are continuing to work out the details of final actions in order to proceed to closeout and present their formal close-out request, but simply do not have the time without the extension.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee's recommendation for a one-year no cost extension of the Cote Blanche Hydrologic Restoration (TV-04) project. Mr. Kacir made the motion, which Mr. Haase seconded; the motion carried without dissent.*

**Agenda Item #11 -- Report/Decision: Upcoming 20-Year Life Projects (Kaitlyn Carriere, USACE)**

Ms. Carriere made the presentation regarding recommended paths forward for projects nearing the end of their 20-year lives. She referred Task Force members to the briefing materials within their binders, which include a detailed 20-year close-out plan for each project.

She began with projects requesting close-out at no additional costs, and provided a brief verbal review and an abbreviated slide presentation of each project as follows:

a. Projects requesting approval for project closeout with no additional cost increase:

|       |   |      |           |
|-------|---|------|-----------|
| BA-23 | Barataria Bay Waterway West Side Shoreline Protection | NRCS | 1-Nov-20  |
| PO-06 | Fritchie Marsh Restoration                            | NRCS | 1-Mar-21  |
| BA-26 | Barataria Bay Waterway East Side Shoreline Protection | NRCS | 31-Mar-21 |
| CS-31 | Holly Beach Sand Management                           | NRCS | 31-Mar-23 |
| ME-14 | Pecan Island Terracing                                | NMFS | 10-Sep-23 |
| CS-27 | Black Bayou Hydrologic Restoration                    | NMFS | 3-Nov-23  |
| TV-17 | Lake Portage Land Bridge                              | NRCS | 15-May-24 |
| TV-18 | Four Mile Canal Terracing and Sediment Trapping       | NMFS | 23-May-24 |
| ME-19 | Grand-White Lake Landbridge Restoration               | FWS  | 1-Oct-24  |
| PO-24 | Hopedale Hydrologic Restoration                       | NMFS | 15-Jan-25 |
| TV-15 | Sediment Trapping at the Jaws                         | NMFS | 19-May-25 |

Ms. Carriere then listed and acknowledged projects that have reached their 20<sup>th</sup> year and either have been, or are expected to be closed out: TE-26, TE-20, TE-24, TV-12, CS-21, TE-30, and TE-28.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public about the eleven projects presented; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee's recommendation for the paths forward for project closeout with no additional cost as presented. Mr. Waller made the motion, which Mr. Doley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Carriere continued with projects requesting close-out with additional costs.

b. Projects requesting approval for closeout with a cost increase:

|        |                                   |      |           |
|--------|-----------------------------------|------|-----------|
| PO-22  | Bayou Chevee Shoreline Protection | COE  | 17-Dec-21 |
| BA-03c | Naomi Outfall Management          | NRCS | 15-Jul-22 |

Ms. Carriere briefly reviewed location, project features, O&M history, and current conditions of PO-22. The rock dike has settled – in some areas below water surface. Consequently there is a need for navigational signage. The proposed path forward includes the installation of signage every 1,000 feet. Although \$125,000 remains in the budget, an additional \$102,268 is estimated for such signage.

Quin Kinler, NRCS, was called upon to outline the BA-03c request. He reviewed location, constructed features, O&M history, and current conditions at the project site. Existing navigational aids have been repeatedly damaged by (supposedly) various barge and boat traffic. Many of the O&M activities have been associated with their repair or replacement. While there is approximately \$100,000 remaining in the budget, this request is for additional funding for final adjustments – removal, replacement and repositioning – of damaged navigational aids. Approximately \$100,000 remains in the project budget, but the need for additional funds is anticipated. A funding estimate has not yet been devised, but will be prepared by the fall CWPPRA meetings when O&M requests are typically considered.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public about the two projects requesting closeout with cost increase as presented; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee’s recommendation for the paths forward for project closeout with a cost increase as presented. Mr. Kacir made the motion, which Mr. Haase seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

Ms. Carriere was called upon to initiate the final requests for project extension through formal evaluation:

c. Projects pursuing project extension through formal evaluation:

|       |                             |      |           |
|-------|-----------------------------|------|-----------|
| MR-03 | West Bay Sediment Diversion | COE  | 28-Nov-23 |
| MR-09 | Delta Wide Crevasses        | NMFS | 1-May-25  |

Ms. Carriere presented the overview of MR-03, its location, construction features, budget, and net acreage gained. She noted an emergency closure feature that would necessarily be constructed to avoid erosion northward toward the federal channel. Therefore, a 20-year extension is being sought for continued monitoring. More than \$6.4 million remains in the Maintenance and O&M budget, but the estimated (un-inflated) total cost of future monitoring events is \$2.06 million. Any unused funding would be returned to the CWPPRA Program. Mr. Inman was invited to expound on the rationale for project extension, which is based that emergency closure feature (the design and cost of which was specified). He reasoned that if this project is extended and monitored according to the proposed schedule, the emergency closure option stays “on the radar” and remains viable. Secondarily, continued monitoring of sediment deposition/ accretion (within the restoration acreage) will yield information valuable for any diversion project.

Dawn Davis, NOAA Fisheries, presented the request for project extension for MR-09 with an overview of its location, crevasse construction and maintenance events. Remaining funds will allow an additional phase (IV) of crevasse construction and dredging, set to begin in the summer of 2020. She highlighted the relative cost effectiveness (per acre) of this project. As a result of the 20 year-life decision matrix, it was determined that this project exhibits sufficient evidence to warrant an extension. This request is for a 20-year project extension and another \$8.2 million to perform 3 more phases of crevasse construction and strategic cleanout over the next 20 years. Ms. Davis asserted that periodic creation and dredging of crevasse splay mimics their natural cycle. Furthermore, she pointed out that Mississippi River Delta projects were not included in the most recent State Master Plan, so a formal extension of this project (which was included in the 2012 State Master Plan) is the only mechanism for continued restoration in this area.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public about the two projects requesting extension; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee's recommendation for the paths forward for project extension as presented. Mr. Haase made the motion, which Mr. Weller seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

**Agenda Item #12 -- Decision: CWPPRA Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) Update/Revisions (Kaitlyn Carriere, USACE)**

Ms. Carriere began by explaining that annual the P&E committee reviews the PPL process and the SOP for CWPPRA projects. The P&E committee suggested revisions in some of the language of the SOP for Demonstration Projects (Appendix E), which the Technical Committee approved during April 2020 proceedings. Ms. Carriere proffered these revisions verbally and visually for Task Force consideration.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public about SOP revisions; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee's recommendation for the language revisions to Appendix E of the SOP for Demonstration Projects as presented. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Maguire seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

**Agenda Item #13 – Decision: FY21 Planning Budget Approval, including the PPL 31 Process, and Presentation of FY21 Outreach Budget (Process, Size, Funding, etc.) (Brad Inman, USACE)**

On behalf of the P&E Subcommittee Mr. Inman introduced the following items for Task Force consideration:

He began with a request for Task Force approval of the Technical Committee recommendation of the PPL 31 process (which is based on loss-loss rates and is unchanged from last year.)

- a. Technical Committee recommendation to approve the PPL 31 Process includes selecting four nominees (each) in the Barataria and Terrebonne Basins; three projects (each) in the Breton Sound and Pontchartrain Basins; two nominees (each) in the Mermentau, Calcasieu/Sabine, and Tech/Vermilion Basins; one nominee in the Atchafalaya Basin, and one Coastwide Project.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public about the PPL 31 process; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to approve the Technical Committee's recommendation for the PPL 31 process as presented. Mr. Weller made the motion, which Mr. Doley seconded; the motion carried unanimously.*

Jennifer Guidry was called upon to present the Technical Committee recommendation to approve the FY21 Outreach Committee Budget, which is unchanged from previous years.

- b. The Technical Committee recommendation is to approve the FY20 Outreach Committee Budget in the amount of \$452,113.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public regarding the Outreach budget; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the FY21 Outreach Committee budget in the amount of \$452,113. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Maguire seconded; the motion carried without dissent.*

Ms. Cheavis was asked to present the FY 21 planning budget noting the inclusion of a line item for the Report to Congress (required every three years) in the amount of \$110,000. She also noted that the line item for Environmental Banking has been removed as that task has been completed; those funds were shifted into the General Planning line item.

- c. The Technical recommends the approval the FY21 Planning Budget, which includes Outreach Committee Budget, of \$5,103,132.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public regarding the Planning Budget; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical Committee recommendation for the FY21 Planning Budget in the amount of \$5,103,132. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Maguire seconded; the motion carried without dissent.*

**Agenda Item #14 – Report/ Decision: Selection of Ten Candidate Projects to Evaluate for PPL 30 (Kevin Roy, FWS)**

By electronic vote in March 2020, the Technical Committee selected ten of twenty-three nominated projects as PPL 30 candidates for Phase 0 analysis; at the April 2020 meeting, those projects were formally announced. Mr. Roy summarized each project (location, features, net acreage and estimated cost) as listed below.

| Region | Basin            | PPL 30 Candidates                                 | Agency |
|--------|------------------|---|--------|
| 2      | Breton Sound     | Reggio Marsh Creation and Hydrologic Restoration  | EPA    |
| 2      | Breton Sound     | Spanish Lake-Grand Lake Marsh Creation            | FWS    |
| 2      | Breton Sound     | Phoenix Marsh Creation - West Increment           | FWS    |
| 2      | Barataria        | Grand Bayou Ridge and Marsh Restoration - Phase 2 | FWS    |
| 3      | Terrebonne       | Bay Raccourci Marsh Creation Increment II         | FWS    |
| 3      | Teche-Vermilion  | North Marsh Restoration (North Increment)         | NMFS   |
| 3      | Teche-Vermilion  | West Branch Marsh Creation on Marsh Island, LA    | NMFS   |
| 4      | Mermentau        | Southeast Pecan Island Marsh Creation             | NRCS   |
| 4      | Mermentau        | Flat Lake Gulf Shoreline Protection               | NMFS   |
| 4      | Calcasieu-Sabine | East Prong Marsh Creation and Terracing           | FWS    |

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public regarding the ten Phase 0 candidate projects; none were proffered.

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to accept the Technical committee recommendation for the above-named projects to proceed to Phase 0 analysis. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Maguire seconded; the motion carried without dissent.*

**VI. INFORMATION**

### **Agenda Item #3 – Report: Status of CWPPRA Program Funds and Projects (Jernice Cheavis, USACE)**

Ms. Jernice Cheavis, USACE, presented an overview of the status of CWPPRA funds as follows: The fully funded total program estimate since its inception through PPL 1 – 29 is \$3.173 billion. Total projected state and federal sources of funding (through FY21) for all authorized projects in addition to projected Department of the Interior (DOI) funds is \$2.134 billion. A potential gap of \$1.040 billion remains if the Program were to construct all projects to date. Current Task Force-approved funding for projects in Phase I, Phase II and O&M totals \$2.299 billion. Authorized funding obligated to each agency for approved project in all phases currently totals \$1.948 billion.

Ms. Cheavis continued with an overview of funding as it relates to the electronic Task Force vote in January and February 2020, which authorized PPL-29, Phase II Increment I funding and a budget increase in the Caminada Headlands Back Barrier Marsh Creation (BA-171) project. When subtracted from the total available program funds (as of January 2020), the above stated authorizations result in a remaining total of \$2,228,655 available for today's proceedings. A budget increase of \$73,576 will be proposed later today; if approved, the total available funds brought forward would be \$2,155,079.

A request for approval of the FY21 Planning Program budget is on the agenda. A total of \$103,729 has been carried over from FY20. Added to that is the expected allocation of \$5,000,000 for Planning activities. An approval request for FY21 Planning and Outreach is expected later in these proceedings, the funding of which totals \$5,103,132. If approved, a balance of \$597 would carry over into FY22.

Ms. Cheavis then presented a pie chart summarizing projects as follows: CWPPRA has authorized 226 projects. There are 150 active projects including 32 in Phase 1 Engineering and Design, 17 in Phase 2 Construction, 96 projects that have been completed and are now in Operations, Maintenance and/ or Monitoring phase, and 5 support projects. Additionally, CWPPRA has completed 17 projects (i.e. reached the 20-year life mark), deauthorized 46 projects, transferred 8 projects, and placed 6 in the inactive category.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public; none were proffered. (Throughout these proceedings, Jennifer Guidry, who is managing virtual public comments, confirmed in sound checks whether or not public comments were proffered.)

As an aside, Mr. Maguire was given an opportunity to report the following return of funds to the CWPPRA Program:

- a) The combination of BA-193 and BA-171 results in a return of approximately \$1.8 million.
- b) Lower than expected construction costs for BA-164 results in a return of approximately \$1.280 million.

Mr. Maguire commended the project teams for their programmatic effectiveness and fiscal efficiency.

### **Agenda Item #4 – Report: Electronic Votes and Approvals (Brad Inman, USACE)**

In March 2020 an electronic vote was conducted, and resulted in Technical Committee and Task Force approval of expanding the Northwest Turtle Bay Marsh Creation Project (BA-125), after a

favorable bid was received. The expansion includes an additional 315 acres of marsh creation and additional 2,600 LF of containment dikes.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public; none were proffered.

#### **Agenda Item #5 – Report: Construction Update (Brad Inman, USACE)**

Mr. Inman introduced the CWPPRA agency representatives who provided the following reports on a few projects that are currently under construction.

Donna Rogers, NOAA Fisheries, began with a report on the Rockefeller Refuge Gulf Shoreline Stabilization (ME-18) project. At an estimated cost of \$28.2 million, construction began in May 2018, and is subject to a 950-day contract time. Design of the breakwater includes a lightweight aggregate core (LWAC), geotech lining, bedding stone, and armor stone capping installed to a +3.5 elevation. The original 3-mile design (subsequently expanded by one-mile) also incorporates three demonstration areas of LWAC breakwater, rock breakwater and (LA-08) Oyster Ring. Unsuccessful tie-in to the rock breakwater demo area resulted in its deconstruction; the rock was repurposed for use as armor stone. The original construction alignment had to be adjusted because of ongoing erosion. Ms. Rogers provided photographic evidence of accretion and oyster growth behind the structure. High Mississippi River water levels and harsh weather conditions resulted in construction delays, but the contractor resumed activities in January 2020. Construction is expected to continue through (and be completed in) June 2020. Ms. Rogers concluded by presenting stats regarding type and quantities of materials used.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public. Jennifer Guidry declared that two public comments were received. Laurie Cormier expressed commendation and gratitude for the ME-18 project; she further inquired about its possible expansion referring to the returned funding. Kara Bonsall commented, describing the project as a great success. Col. Murphy called upon Mr. Inman for a response to Ms. Cormier's inquiry. Mr. Inman reminded listeners that project expansion requires a formal procedure beginning with project analysis and continuing with budgetary approvals.

Ron Boustany (NRCS) provided an update for Cameron-Creole Freshwater Introduction (CS-49), beginning with a review of project features. The primary project feature is a freshwater introduction structure, which would allow water to flow southward from the GIWW into the project area. Over 8,000 LF of rock dike is intended to support the proposed structure and protect the associated bank along the GIWW. Earthen terraces are being constructed within the outfall area of the water inlet to capture nutrients and sediment, and promote marsh accretion. Vegetative plantings along the westernmost edge of the project area have occurred in an effort to mitigate hurricane damage. The entire project area consists of 22,000 acres located south of the GIWW, west of Highway 27 at the Gibbstown Bridge. Project construction has commenced; as of this presentation 20% of the terraces have been built, 50% of an access canal has been dredged, approximately 200 LF of rock has been placed. Project completion is expected in May 2021 at an estimated cost of \$9,283,000.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public. None were proffered.

Kevin Roy (USFWS) presented a status update for the Northwest Turtle Bay Marsh Creation and Nourishment project (BA-125). The project is located in Jefferson Parish on a landmass separating Little Lake from Bayou Perot and Bayou Rigolettes. It is adjacent to a previously constructed CWPPRA project – BA-36. Consisting of two marsh creation cells – one confined, the other semi-confined – the BA-125 project originally sought to restore and/or nourish 791 acres. An electronic vote in March 2020 resulted in the approval of project expansion after a favorable bid was received. The expansion plans include an additional 315 acres of marsh creation and 2,600 LF of containment dikes. Construction began in the western cell April 2019, and was completed in December 2019. Construction began in the eastern cell in January 2020 and is about 50% complete at the time of this presentation. Construction of the expansion area is pending the change order deployment. Mr. Roy provided photographic evidence of project progress.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public. None were proffered.

Mr. Inman closed the Construction Report presentations, acknowledging the presenters, and explaining that the intent of these brief project updates is for general public edification.

#### **Agenda Item #6 – Report: Public Outreach Committee Report (Jennifer Guidry, USGS)**

Col Wingate called Ms. Jennifer Guidry who presented the Outreach Committee report as follows:

In February the committee members attended the Public Outreach Committee meeting in Baton Rouge. In March 2020 the Outreach Committee participated in the Fisheries Forward summit. One classroom visit was conducted prior to the quarantine. Since switching over to a virtual platform, Kacie Wright posts weekly activities for youth, typically on Newsflash. New products have been developed in recognition of the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the CWPPRA Program. Distribution of these products at the State of the Coast conference, but the date of that event is now in flux. Ms. Guidry reported the biggest uptick in social media during August of 2019, and though interest has waned since, it seems consistent. Newsflash subscribers are increasing. In spite of the quarantine, the Outreach Committee recorded attendance at 24 events, meetings, presentations and conferences between January and April 2020. Upcoming publications include *Watermarks* #61 (which is also realizing an increase in subscribers). Six episodes of the podcast *Coastal Connections* have aired; they are conducted on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month. Interviewees and topics for discussion are always invited. Ms. Guidry commended Ms. Wright for the development of illustrated coasters intended for distribution. A downloadable Coastal Fortune Teller trivia game has been made available. Ms. Guidry then spoke of upcoming events, the dates and formats of which will necessarily change in response to social-distancing mandates. Finally, Ms. Guidry presented contact information for herself and the Outreach staff.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the public. None were proffered.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force. He proffered his own, inquiring about possible reasons for the spikes in social media during July and December 2019. Ms. Guidry responded with a few suppositions and offered further investigation if needed. Col. Murphy expressed appreciation and his willingness to participate as a podcast interviewee.

**Agenda Item #7 – Report: Coastwide Reference Monitoring System (CRMS) Report (Leigh Anne Sharp, CPRA)**

Ms. Leigh Anne Sharp was called upon to provide the update on CRMS services. She began by declaring that CPRA field offices are working on 15 different O&M and Monitoring reports, with expected delivery in the fall of 2020. She explained how field operations and scheduled monitoring events are being modified in accordance with social-distancing mandates; the CRMS contractor is performing most field operations usually conducted by CPRA and USGS. She summarized schedule changes recommended by the Analytical Team for elevation and accretion sampling and sonde servicing; these changes should enhance data quality and create program cost efficiencies. The changes will take effect in January 2021 when the new contract becomes effective. The CRMS RFP is being reviewed and advertisement will begin in early summer; the contract will be awarded in the fall prior to its January start date.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public. None were proffered.

**Agenda Item #8 -- Report: Development of a Support Programmatic Project for Signage (Brad Inman, USACE)**

Mr. Inman explained that as a result of the risk assessment tool being implemented for all projects, and during consideration of paths forward as projects enter end-of-life status, the issue of project signage has manifested – project signage may be absent or damaged, posing potential navigation hazards and/or public risks. At the most recent Technical Committee, the P&E subcommittee was tasked with developing a programmatic solution to the issue. In consultation with CPRA maintenance and monitoring teams, a table of projects with potential signage issues was devised. Mr. Inman provided the table at these proceedings to illustrate various signage problems. An upcoming conference call is intended to investigate costs associated with the issues, and formulate an appropriate budget for such a program. The likely result will be a proposal to establish a program that supports long-term O&M and Monitoring of signage on all projects, rather than addressing the issue on an individual project basis with (for example) extension requests and budgetary increases.

Col. Murphy called for questions or comments from the Task Force and the public. None were proffered.

**Agenda Item #15 -- Additional Agenda Items**

Col. Murphy called for any additional agenda items; none were proffered.

**VII. REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Col. Murphy called for any additional public comments; none were proffered.

**VIII. CLOSING**

**A. Announcement: Date of Upcoming CWPPRA Program Meeting (Brad Inman, USACE)**

The next Technical Committee meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. at the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (DARM), 7400 Leake Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

**B. Announcement: Scheduled Dates of Future Program Meetings**

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|--------------------|-----------|---------------------|-------------|
| September 12, 2019 | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | Baton Rouge |
| October 10, 2019   | 9:30 a.m. | Task Force          | New Orleans |
| December 5, 2019   | 9:30 a.m. | Technical Committee | New Orleans |

In closing, Mr. Inman commended members of the public in attendance for today's proceedings. Col. Murphy concurred and also offered commendation and gratitude for those involved in the orchestration of this virtual meeting.

**C. Adjournment**

*Col. Murphy called for a motion to adjourn today's proceedings. Mr. Doley made the motion, which Mr. Maguire seconded. The motion carried without dissent and the meeting was adjourned.*