

Allen, Beauregard, Calcasieu, Cameron, DeSoto, Jefferson Davis, Rapides, Sabine, and Vernon Parishes and Coushatta Tribe of Louisiana

COALITION POLICY COUNCIL (CPC) MEETING

November 29th, 2023

HELD AT NOON (12 P.M.)

Beauregard Parish Police Jury Office

201 W 2nd Street, DeRidder, Louisiana

1. Welcome and Call to Order:

The chair welcomed those in attendance, called the meeting to order, and began to call the roll.

Chair
Alberto Galan

2. Chair calls rolls:

- Calcasieu Parish – Alberto Galan (Chair)
- Allen Parish – Jacob Dillehay (TAC Chair)
- City of Lake Charles – Stacy Dowden
- Port of Lake Charles – Regan Brown
- Beauregard Parish – Bryan McReynolds
- Southwest Louisiana Ports/Airports – Kim Montie
- Vernon Parish – Carl Thompson
- Desoto Parish – Tom Fontcuberta
- Louisiana Watershed Region 4 – Mike Hollier (Executive Director/Watershed Coordinator)
- Louisiana Watershed Region 4 – Andre’ Boudreaux (Watershed Coordinator I)

Those also in attendance:

- Mike Harper
- Kathleen Lunn (virtual attendee)
- Yasic Naumenko (Technology Specialist)

3. Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) Discussions & Recommendations

Coordinator

Mr. Mike Hollier began by speaking about the proposed Region 4 legislation options and what other watershed regions have been successful in getting passed through lawmaking. He referenced that although Region 4 was not successful in passing legislation during the 2023 legislative session, he is hopeful that 2024 the legislation will be successful. He spoke about neighboring Region 5's success with passing legislation and hopes to mirror that. He discussed the multipurpose uses of the proposed Region 4 Series Reservoir including recreational, housing, aquifer recharging, flood control, and maintenance. Mr. Hollier specifically stated that research is being undertaken in the region by multiple academic institutions. Mr. Hollier also commented on the increasing demand for freshwater from multiple industries and communities. Mr. Bryan McReynolds asked the council the question of what governmental entities had building or zoning requirements. Four council members responded that they had passed requirements in their communities but that the remaining members had not. Mr. McReynolds said that this may be a beneficial area to examine. Mr. Hollier agreed that it could be helpful. The Chair asked to move to the next agenda item and heard no objections.

- 4. Region 4 Round 2 Application Status** Coordinator
Mr. Hollier hoped to provide an overview of the status of Round 2 applications. He stated that all applications are still under review aside from the 6th Street Drainage Improvement Project which is in the City of Lake Charles. The project was revised by the State with a lower budget and a smaller scale of work to be completed. He said that he would like to meet with Ms. Stacy Dowden from the City of Lake Charles to review the application and necessary adjustments. Ms. Dowden explained that the City of Lake Charles may be able to come up with a difference in the budget amount but that it would depend on the specifics of the planned work. The Chair proposed to move to the next agenda item.
- 5. Selected Research Presentation** Coordinator
Mr. Hollier stated that the Region is collaborating with a wide variety of organizations to develop tools and solutions. He referred to a recent presentation given by the McNeese State University Department of Engineering and Computer Science on hydraulic and incidence modeling. Essentially, the program models flood, water, and rainfall instances through computer-generated models that reflect local areas. Mr. Kim Montie and Mr. Regan Brown both agreed that the presentation was useful and that they have shown the presentation to their own Board and constituents with a good response. They agreed that the presentation would be useful to show the Policy Council. The other members agreed.
- 6. Proposed Region 4 Legislation: Options** Coordinator
Mr. Hollier said that he had reviewed the legislative options at the beginning of the meeting and had nothing to add. The Chair continued to the next item on the agenda.
- 7. Public Comment** Chair
The Chair asked if there was any public comment and opened the floor. Hearing none he moved to entertain a motion to adjourn the meeting.
- 8. Adjournment** Chair
The Chair called to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Carl Thompson seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Alberto Galan
Coalition Policy Council Chairman

ATTEST:

Michael Hollier

Andre' Boudreaux

Executive Director/Watershed Coordinator

Watershed Coordinator I