



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

**TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE & COALITION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING**

**HELD AT 12:00 on April 16, 2024**

**Beauregard Parish Police Jury Office**

**DeRidder, Louisiana**

**MEETING MINUTES**

**1. Call to Order**

TAC Chair  
Jacob Dillehay

Chair called meeting to order.

CPC Chair  
Alberto Galan

**2. Chair requested introductions and a calling of the roll / welcome**

TAC Chair  
Jacob Dillehay

Technical Advisory Committee (TAC)

- Allen Parish – Joel Johnson - Present
- Beauregard Parish – Dianna Nichols - Present
- Calcasieu Parish – Dana Watkins - Present
- Cameron Parish – Myles Hebert – Not Present
- DeSoto Parish – Brittany Mahall – Not Present
- Jefferson Davis Parish - Darla Beardmore – Not Present
- Rapides Parish – Melissa Becker - Present
- Sabine Parish - Jim Freeland - Present
- Vernon Parish – Carl Thompson - Present
- City of Alexandria – David Gill – Not Present
- City of Jennings – Phillip Deshotel – Not Present
- City of DeRidder – Martin Scott – Not Present
- City of Westlake – Damon Hardesty – Not Present
- United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) – Kirk Garber – Not Present
- Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries – Sean Kinney - Present
- City of Lake Charles – Terry Magnon - Present
- Coushatta Tribe – Gardner Rose – Not Present

Coalition Policy Council (CPC)

- Allen Parish – Jacob Dillehay - Present
- Beauregard Paish – Mike Harper – Not Present
- Calcasieu Parish – Alberto Galan – Not Present
- Cameron Parish – Kara Bonsall – Not Present
- DeSoto Parish – Tom Fontcuberta – Not Present
- Jefferson Davis Parish – John Marceaux – Not Present
- Rapides Parish – Matt Johns - Present
- Sabine Parish – Randy Byrd (via Bill Weatherford) – Not Present
- Vernon Parish – Rhonda Plummer – Not Present

City of Lake Charles – Stacy Dowden – Not Present  
City of Oakdale – Richard Bolmarcich – Not Present  
Port of Lake Charles – Channing Hayden/Regan Brown – Not Present  
Southwest Louisiana Ports/Airports – Kim Montie - Present  
Coushatta Tribe – Gardner Rose – Not Present

**3. Seven Spokes of the Wheel Initiative: Freshwater**

Mike Hollier  
Coordinator

Mr. Mike Hollier introduced the "Seven Spokes of the Wheel" initiative, focusing on watershed comprehensive planning and water resource management, including:

- Freshwater capture and distribution,
- Enhancing water quality,
- Infrastructure funding and maintenance balance.

**4. LWI Region 4 Aquifer Status**

Frank Tsai, Ph.D., P.E., P.G.  
Director

Presentation on Groundwater Research

Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute  
Louisiana State University

Dr. Frank Tsai from Louisiana Water Resources Research Institute presented on groundwater research, highlighting:

- Groundwater levels, recharge zones, and storage statistics,
- The potential for conjunctive use of surface and groundwater.

**5. General Comments/Recommendations**

Jacob Dillehay  
TAC Chair

Members discussed various points, including:

- The importance of balancing water resources across sectors,
- Impacts of climate change, agricultural, and industrial needs on water resources.

**6. Adjournment**

Jacob Dillehay  
TAC Chair

The TAC chair, Mr. Jacob Dillehay, asked to defer the remaining items on the agenda. Hearing no objections, the remaining items on the agenda have been deferred.

A MOTION was made by Mr. Carl Thompson. The MOTION was seconded by Mr. Joel Johnson. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned.

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Michael Hollier  
Watershed Coordinator

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Jamie Gaines  
Special Projects Coordinator

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Melissa Tambling  
Planning Specialist