

COAST BUILDERS COALITION

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CPRA MEETING OVERVIEW

The CPRA met on Wednesday May 19, 2010. The initial focus of this meeting was discussing the current and future effects of the oil spill off of Louisiana's coast.

"The oil is here impacting our coastline today," said Garret Graves. "It is an immediate threat to our coastal resources." There are multiple approaches that are currently being taken to help protect and preserve the coastline, such as booming, skimming, burning and a dredging plan. The proposed dredging plan consists of placing sand berms along the state's barrier islands.

Norwyn Johnson with OCPR gave an update on the \$8.8 million Southwest Study. The study is being conducted in Cameron, Calcasieu and Vermilion Parishes. It is a 50/50 cost share between OCPR and the Corps of Engineers. The study began in late 2009. The study is looking at shoreline stabilization, natural features restoration, marsh creation/restoration, hurricane risk reduction and salinity controls. The feasibility scoping report is complete

and there are plans to include the study results in the State's revision of the coastal master plan. The President's budget for FY 2011 does not include funds for southwest Louisiana which could impact the Corps' ability to cost share. There will be a scoping meeting report approval in June 2010.

OCPR Executive Director, Steve Mathies, discussed the challenges faced by the state and local levee districts as the Corps is looking to turnover operations and maintenance responsibilities for partially completed portions of the New Orleans levee system. Mathies introduced and passed a resolution asserting the state and levee districts would not accept O and M responsibilities prior to work on an entire polder has been completed. The resolution set forth the procedure that must be followed prior to the CPRA accepting the "functional portion of a new work."

AECOM conducted a study on the controversial Permanent Pump System of the probable cost of Options 1, 2 and 2a. The study results were compared with the study results of USACE and are as follows:

	AECOM Results		USACE Results	
OPTIONS	Cost	Time	Cost	Time
1	\$870 Million	3 Years	\$800 Million	4 Years
2	\$2.24 Billion	3 Years	\$3.4 Billion	14 Years
2a	\$2.4 Billion	3 Years	\$3.6 Billion	14 Years

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June 8, 2010

State of the Coast Dinner at 333 Bistreaux Downtown Baton Rouge

COMPANY PROFILE: PHYLWAY CONSTRUCTION

Phylway Construction LLC is a woman owned and certified WBE / DBE and HUBZone business located in Thibodaux, Louisiana and is a certified HUBZone contractor. The company was founded in 1992 by its owner Phyllis Adams with one dump truck, and a few thousand dollars. Committed to the philosophy of "working smarter, not harder," Phylway steadily transitioned from a small trucking operation to a general contractor, self performing in all aspects of civil construction. We also work as a subcontractor and can meet your small business, women owned and HUBZone set aside goals.

As a subcontractor we have self performed on major site development projects where we are the first ones in to clear the trees, build the access haul roads and bridges, establish drainage by digging the ditches and laying the storm drainage, laying the sewer, water and gas lines, installing lift and pump stations, importing fill or mass

grading the existing fill. We do our own survey work and use the Trimble GPS system.

As a general contractor we have worked for most local municipalities and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Our most recent transition has been in the storm Risk Reduction and Rebuild efforts building hurricane protection levees working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. We see a natural and future transition into coastal restoration work.

Regardless of our role as a general contractor or subcontractor our commitment to continuous improvement in safety, quality, schedule and cost control remains unchanged.

Our greatest asset is our employees and our success is attributed to their strong work ethics and building strong, trusting, long-term relationships within our organization and partnering with our suppliers, subcontractors, truckers, engineers,



trade association coalitions and owners. Together we literally change the face of the earth and protect the communities and coastline in the areas in which we live and work.



Grand Isle Beach Repair between Hurricanes Gustave and Ike, Laying Fabric, 2008

Coast Builders Coalition Held Coastal Day at the Legislature



On May 11, 2010, Coast Builders Coalition held its 2nd Annual Coastal Day at the Legislature. A display area was setup in the lobby of the capitol and the CBC display was alongside displays from Restore or Retreat, Office of Coastal Restoration and Protection and America's Wetlands. A meeting was held in Press Room at the Capitol and Kyle Graham, Deputy Director of the Governor's Office of Coastal Activities addressed a group that included CBC members, Restore or Retreat, the Nature Conservancy, America's Wetlands, Louisiana Wildlife Federation, National Wildlife Federation and the Audubon Society.

Following Coastal Day, Coast Builders held a reception sponsored in conjunction with AT&T at the Pentagon Barracks for CBC members, OCP and the Legislators. There were over 100 attendees at the event. Coast Builders next event will be the State of the Coast dinner on June 8, 2010.