

## ***PABI August 2015 General Membership Luncheon Bayou Barriere Golf Club***

The PABI August 2015 General Membership Luncheon was held on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. United States Senator Bill Cassidy was the guest speaker. Executive Director Bobby Thomas opened the meeting by introducing the newest PABI Member, MODA Midstream. PABI Chairwoman Denise Buford welcomed everyone and gave a brief update on activities at the Plaquemines Port. Ms. Buford commended the Council for taking action at the previous Meeting authorizing the Port to move forward on negotiations with Venture Global on the Plaquemines LNG project to be built on the Port property at mile 55. The facility will be built on 623 acres and will include 1500 construction and 300 full-time jobs with an average salary of \$70K annually. The timetable calls for Public hearings later this year, the formal application in 2016 and construction to commence in 2017. Several members of the V. G. team were in the audience and were introduced. PABI Governmental Affairs Committee Chair Dale Benoit introduced Senator Cassidy. Senator Cassidy recalled a recent fishing trip here in Plaquemines Parish with his daughter. He spoke on the differences between the Republican and Democratic parties, in particular the push to lower carbon emissions by the Democrats vs. the desire to create jobs on the Republican side. Senator Cassidy also touched on the Legacy Lawsuits, coastal conservation funding, flood insurance, mental health issues and veterans affairs. He then took questions from the audience. **Thank you to our Corporate Sponsor, Bayou Barriere Golf Club.**



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