

***PABI General Membership Luncheon
March 21, 2013
Port Sulphur Community Center/YMCA***

The March 2013 PABI General Membership luncheon was held at the Port Sulphur Community Center/YMCA. The keynote speaker was P.J. Hahn, Plaquemines Parish Director of Coastal Zone Management. Mr. Hahn spoke on the Parish's efforts to rebuild the coast. He discussed the three phases of the coastal restoration plan: forested ridges and marshes, which would have the most impact; freshwater diversions and sediment dredging; and the rebuilding of barrier islands. Funding is being accumulated via the RESTORE Act, WERDA (take two, replace two which rebuilds wildlife habitats), BP litigation through Parish claims, and Parish bond initiative. A few of the projects currently in progress are fringe marsh creation, berms, rebuilding of Scofield Island with Pelican Island being next, West Bay diversion, Mardi Gras Pass, and Cat Island. The Parish has all the necessary permits and are waiting on funding.



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