

PABI May 2017 General Membership Luncheon Woodland Plantation

PABI's May General Membership Luncheon was held on Tuesday, May 30 at Woodland Plantation. Dr. John "Andy" Nyman, professor of Wetland Wildlife Ecology at LSU's School of Renewable Resources, provided an update on the Roseau cane die-off in coastal Louisiana. Executive Director Bobby Thomas welcomed several new PABI members. Chairman Mike Van Haverbeke spoke briefly on the importance of today's luncheon topic, Roseau cane die off, and its' impact on the Parish. Richie Blink, Chairman of the Coastal Restoration Committee introduced Dr. Nyman. Dr. Nyman began with a brief background on the species of cane present in Plaquemines Parish, the "bugs" that are considered pests and the bugs that are considered beneficial. He then gave a breakdown of what he thinks is causing the die-off in the largest stand of Roseau cane in the world, right here in Plaquemines Parish. He also touched on the implications to the fishing and wildlife industries, potential damage to infrastructure, coastal erosion, and the need for increased dredging in the future if this die-off continues.



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