

***PABI General Membership Luncheon  
September 11, 2013  
Bayou Barriere Golf Club***

The September 2013 PABI General Membership Luncheon was held at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. Dale Benoit, PABI Governmental Affairs Committee Chairman, presented a slide show with information gathered by GNO, Inc. on the affects of the Biggert Waters Act on Plaquemines Parish. If anyone would like a copy of the presentation you can request one at [noelle@pabigroup.com](mailto:noelle@pabigroup.com). Mr. Benoit stated that GNO, Inc. is part of a national coalition working together on the issues of the NFIP and flood insurance due to Biggert Waters. Plaquemines Parish President Billy Nungesser spoke briefly on the many projects in progress in the Parish. He commented that in order to encourage companies to relocate to Plaquemines Parish, it is necessary to convince them that flood insurance is getting better, not worse. Currently the Parish is waiting for a permit for the berm to be built from Venice Port Complex north. The future berm is now being looked at as flood protection. LAMP is progressing, though they are only looking at projects currently underway. However they are allowing the Parish to submit the plans for the project and backup data for protection so once the project is complete they will not have to come back out to reevaluate and revise the flood map. President Nungesser stated that flood protection is getting better and they will continue to work on the issues to ensure it continues to get better.



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