

PABI March 2014 General Membership Luncheon Bayou Barriere Golf Club

The March 2014 PABI General Membership luncheon was held at Bayou Barriere Golf Club. Kerry St. Pe', Executive Director of Barataria-Terrebonne National Estuary Program (BTNEP), was the keynote speaker. Plaquemines Parish is at the end of the Mississippi River and there have been many terrain changes since 1846. The area no longer has protection from the marsh. National estuaries were created in 1987. Mr. St. Pe' stated that in order to become an estuary one must prove it is of national significance. The BTNEP was created in 1991. Governor Buddy Roemer nominated they become an estuary. Mr. St. Pe' mentioned that restoration plans include both diversions and pumping dredged material, however there is good and bad with either choice. Levees are necessary, but there is also a need for marshes. Mr. St. Pe' commented that BTNEP is working on pipeline sediment today to help with marsh creation. He agreed that diversions are necessary to sustain the marshes but pipeline sediment will create more marsh and land. We have to restore the delta. He asked that everyone stand up and fight for the coast.



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