**Meeting Minutes**

February 21, 2019

09:00 am

Overwatch

Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

7667 Independence Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

1. **Call to Order**

Chairman Pat Forbes called the meeting to order on Thursday February 21 at 9:04 a.m. and welcomed everyone.

After a roll call was determined the quorum of the statutory members of the subcommittee were present.

1. **Roll Call**

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| **Agency Representatives** | **Representing Agencies** |
| Pat Forbes, Executive Director | Office of Community Development Recovery Unit (OCD) |
| Genea Lathers | Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) |
| Kori Chisham | Lieutenant Governor |
| Terri Ricks | Louisiana Dept. of Children & Family Services |
| Garcia Bodley | Louisiana Dept. of Health  |
| Bridget Devlin | Louisiana Dept. Of Education |
| Ray Rodriguez | Louisiana Housing Corporation |
| Chris Deguelle (BEOC) | Louisiana Economic Development |
| Sam Martin | Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority |
| Tommy Tuma | Louisiana Dept. of Wildlife & Fisheries |
| Vincent Latino | Dept. of Transportation & Development |

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| **Agency Members Absent** | **Representing Agency** |
| Renee Simon | Louisiana Dept. Agriculture and Forestry  |
| Brian Spillman | Chairman of Regional Director’s Subcommittee |

1. **Order of Business**
2. Approval of Minutes

Chairman Pat Forbes opened the meeting with an approval of the minutes from the October 16, 2018 meeting. Members approved the minutes from the October 16, 2018 unanimously.

1. Agency Updates
2. GOHSEP

Planning Manager Genea Lathers gave the expectation to subcommittee members to review and submit final changes to the ESF 14 State of Louisiana Disaster Recovery Annex by March 29, 2019 as a part of the Louisiana Emergency Operations Plan update. GOHSEP hired two Individual Assistance Officers and implemented a Community Preparedness Branch to work in the GOHSEP Preparedness Section. The GOHSEP Preparedness Section will work to bridge the gap between non-governmental organizations and local officials in order to leverage the benefit of the cost-share offset with the FEMA Public Assistance program, increase trust and encourage partnerships in recovery, and to develop resources in training that will build the capacity of managing volunteer operations at the local level. The GOHSEP Preparedness Section will work to ensure policy conforms to applicable state laws and leverage planning efforts that are held at the local level to include recovery and resiliency. Region 3 of the 9 emergency management regions in Louisiana will be holding a Hurricane Preparedness meeting in April. GOHSEP will be teaching the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (OHSEP) directors from that region on partnership engagement and recovery and resiliency strategies.

1. OCD

Chairman Pat Forbes concentrated on the Louisiana Watershed Initiative which is inherent to the State’s ESF 14 plan and resilience initiative. The Louisiana Watershed Initiative will be able to develop and spend state dollars and leverage state agencies in order to make investments that are consistent with the policy of long term resilience for the State.

CPRA representative Sam Martin added that the way that the Louisiana Watershed Initiative is initially approaching resilience at the state level is inclusive of state agencies beginning to look at programs or policies that have a direct effect of reducing the flood risk, or have the potential to influence the minimization of flood risk.

1. Subcommittee Bylaws

The LTRS Bylaws were unanimously approved by subcommittee members. The advisory subcommittees annotated in the bylaws were appointed agency lead representatives in accordance with the State of Louisiana Disaster Recovery Framework.

1. **Next Meeting**

Chairman Forbes proposed a motion that each advisory subcommittee would meet idependently and come up with goals and objectives for the year of 2019. Goals and objectives would be strategic and progressive in order to advance the resilience of the State. The next meeting date will be April 18th, 2019.

1. **Public Comments**

 None

1. **Adjourn**

Chairman Forbes adjourned the meeting at 0924am.