



RESILIENT LOUISIANA COMMISSION

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Energy Task Force

May 4, 2020

Meeting called to order at 4 p.m.

Energy Task Force Members in Attendance:

- Rhoman Hardy (Co-Chair)
- Shane Hilton (Co-Chair)
- Mayor Jennifer Vidrine
- Mayor Nic Hunter
- Mayor Jeff Hall
- Major Thibaut
- Matt Jewell
- Blake Canfield
- Randy Pierce
- Jody Montelaro
- Karl Weber
- Brian Bond
- Tyler Gray
- Greg Bowser
- Elizabeth Ellison-Frost
- Nick Piatek
- Chip Little
- Rochelle Michaud-Dugas
- Laura Ferrell
- Gifford Briggs

Welcome Introduction:

- Roll was called and quorum was confirmed.
- Shane Hunter and Rhoman Hardy (TF co-chairs) kicked off the meeting by introducing themselves and providing a summary of the charges that were set forth from the Commission.
 - Short term action is laid out in Charge 1. What does the energy industry need to be successful in the coming weeks as the economy reopens?
 - Second charge will be longer term and TF will be charged to examine Louisiana's vulnerability and build a more resilient economy.
 - These two charges will be completed on different timelines. There will be a focus on compiling a report for Charge 1 this week.
 - With the size of the TF a lot of work will be happening in small working groups which nominations have been made, but open to change if TF members request it.

Round Robin for all TF Members:

- The task force members were given a platform 3-5 minutes to express their top needs and/or concerns they have for their specific energy sector.
- The format began with the Elected Public Officials and Government Officials providing their input first. Some of the highlights from the Elected public officials and Government Officials include:
 - Assistance and/or support for the low-income community regarding utility payments and disconnects.
 - Telecommunications and broadband support for the rural communities. Need improvements so students can have access to online learning and communities can have access to telemedicine.
 - What can be done to attracting more businesses and/or support function to the energy industry into Louisiana?
 - Need improved availability of COVID-19 Testing, including rapid tests and anti-body tests.
 - Sustaining energy delivery from keeping the lights on to keeping flow of oil and gas facilities and movement of refined products.
- The next group to share their top three needs and concern were the utility representatives. Highlights from the Utility sector include:
 - Need to have a reliable utility sector that can quickly recover after storms or other crisis situations.
 - Regulatory stability
 - Maintain safety of employees. This includes having COVID-19 tests available for employees and proper PPE available. Especially important for field workers, workers in dispatch centers and workers in plant control rooms.
- Lastly, the oil and gas sector representatives provided their top needs and concerns. Some of their highlights include:

- Demand destruction remains to be an issue. With the impact of COVID-19 and closure of many businesses sectors, the significant reduction in demand for refined products continues to be an issue.
- Market conditions are hitting many companies in the sector hard, especially the smaller operators. Many are being forced to lay-off employees or bankruptcy filings.
- Need to make Louisiana attractive for future capital investment opportunities. How can we ensure businesses want to continue to come and invest in Louisiana O&G development?
- Legal climate reform is necessary. Looking for ways to improve this environment.
- As the industry has remained open for the most part during the pandemic, need to continue to ensure the safety of employees. Includes proper PPE, sanitization of workplaces and testing availability.

Overview of Working Groups Mechanics:

- Rhoman Hardy provided some mechanics on how the small working groups can function to complete the necessary charges for the TF.
- Working Group leads were assigned:
 - Public & Government Officials – Mayor Vidrine & Blake Canfield (co-leads)
 - Utilities – Jody Montelaro
 - LNG/Midstream – Laura Ferrell
 - Oil & Gas – Tyler Gray
- The leads were assigned to reach out to their team members and start working on their draft for Charge 1. This draft is due back to the Co-Chairs by COB Wednesday 5/6.
- The TF will plan to send a compiled draft report to the Commission on Thursday 5/7.

Q&A / Closing Remarks:

- The TF members were notified to be on the lookout for a follow up email with a timeline and instructions on the next steps for action items.
- Dorian Nunez of Harvard Club provided comments to the TF. He began by thanking the group for their participation in the TF. He wanted to ensure there was diverse of representation for Louisiana and then offered his firms services up as a resource if needed. Provided his contact information to the TF members:
 - Omniresearch@aol.com
- After no more general questions were raised, Shane Hilton and Rhoman Hardy closed the meeting.