

PROJECT: Environmental Assessment for the Extension of the New Orleans & Gulf Coast Railway Company's Mainline in Plaquemines Parish, LA
FNI PROJECT #: LA222668
NAME OF MEETING: MONTHLY APPLICANT MEETING (#3)
RECORDED BY: Nina Reins / Kelsey Calvez
DATE: December 7, 2022 at 11 AM Eastern / 10 AM Central
LOCATION: TEAMS
ATTENDEES: **Sam Matheny - SM (LA23)** **Liz Grindstaff - LG (FNI)**
bold blue = attendance **Anne Crochet - AC (Taylor Porter)** Travis Kelly - TK (FNI)
Kathryn Floyd - KF (Venable) **Tom Dixon - TD (FNI)**
Jay Johnson - JJ (Venable) Whitney Broussard - WB (FNI)
Adam Assenza - AA (STB-OEA) Lisa Vitale - LV (FNI)
Nina Reins - NR (FNI)
Kelsey Calvez - KC (FNI)

The following reflects our understanding of the items discussed during the meeting. Please notify us within five working days if edits are required, otherwise approval is assumed, and notes become final.

1. WELCOME

2. ACTION ITEMS FROM LAST MEETINGS & UPDATES:

- **Identification of Gaps/Follow-up Tasks:**
 - Applicant to send Environmental Constraints Report (WOTUS/Cultural, etc.) to STB-OEA and FNI once finalized.
 - Alliance River Property is the only property with no ROE and therefore cannot access during the site visit.
- **Alternatives Development by STB with support from FNI:** Review of data ongoing.

3. STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT:

- **Stakeholder Letters:** Agency and tribal consultation letters were mailed on November 15, 2022. OEA-STB has not received responses from agencies as of today.

4. STB-OEA UPDATE

- **Coordination with Consultant (FNI):** STB-OEA has shared all received information to date with Consultant (FNI). STB-OEA and FNI are meeting frequently to keep the project moving in alignment with the best-case timeline captured in the workplan.

Workplan Schedule:

Task	Start date	Duration	End date
Develop Purpose and Need Statement	September 2022	30 days	October 2022
Describe Project and Alternatives	November 2022	30 days	December 2022
Agency Consultations	November 2022	180 days	May 2023
Section 106 Agreement Document	November 2022	240 days	July 2023
Prepare Technical Documentation	January 2023	90 days	April 2023
Field Verifications	March 2023	60 days	May 2023

Task	Start date	Duration	End date
Prepare Draft EA	March 2023	60 days	June 2023
Public and Agency Review	June 2023	30 days	July 2023
Prepare and Submit Final EA	July 2023	30 days	August 2023

5. APPLICANT UPDATE

- **Environmental Constraints Report:** Field studies or environmental data collected and/or obtained that could aid the EA development will be shared with STB-OEA as part of this report. The Environmental Constraints Report is not finalized yet as of 12/7/2022. LA23 to share figures from report before site visit.
- **Site Visit:** Initial project site visit with STB-OEA scheduled for December 15, 2022. Meeting times and logistics for transportation were discussed. The site visit is schedule to be 1-day.

6. ACTION ITEMS:

- LA23 to share figures from Environmental Constraints Report prior to site visit.
- LA23 to share Environmental Constraints Report with STB-OEA and FNI once finalized.

ACRONYMS:

EA	Environmental Assessment
FNI	Freese and Nichols, Inc.
IR	Information Request
LA	Louisiana
LA23	Louisiana 23 Development Company LLC
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
OEA	Office of Environmental Analysis
POC	Point of Contact
P&N	Purpose and Need
ROE	Right-of-entry
ROW	Right-of-way
STB	Surface Transportation Board
WOTUS	Waters of the United States

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Kathryn,

Please find attached meeting notes from the December 7 applicant meeting as compiled by FNI and reviewed by STB. Please let us know if you have any questions or recommendations for edits.

Thank you,

Kelsey Calvez

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