

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Wednesday, June 17 2015

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Wednesday, June 17, 2015, with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, chairman and Mr. Dauphin. Ms. Maclay arrived at 6:13 PM. Also in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Ms. Noll, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel and Ms. Olver, public information. Mr. Avant, legal counsel, and Ms. Everett, human resources, participated by phone.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:01 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated May 12, 2015.

Mr. Daul presented the insurance policy proposal to the Committee. Mr. Camnetar recused himself and did not participate in any discussion to avoid a potential conflict of interest. Ms. Maclay arrived during this presentation. After discussion, Mr. Dauphin and Ms. Maclay unanimously recommended the proposal as discussed for board approval.

Ms. Noll reviewed bids received for publishing the official journal. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the lowest bid for approval by the Board.

The Committee discussed the cell phone policy issue, considered our current policy along with other state agency policies, and requested staff to revise. Once revisions are made, the policy will need to be noticed at the next Board meeting. After this agenda item was addressed, Ms. Ford and Ms. Everett departed the meeting.

Mr. Pickering provided an update regarding ad valorem taxes and the November 21 election. Updated draft millage election documents for Algiers Levee District (ALD) and West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) have been circulated to Commissioners. Special meetings for each resolution will be held in August and notices to state legislators must be sent in July. Mr. Pickering will work with staff.

Mr. Pickering provided a brief legislative update.

Ms. Maclay and Mr. Dauphin shared that they received appointment confirmation letters from the Senate.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statements for SLFPA – W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these reports for approval by the Board.

The draft investment policy will be recirculated and considered at the next regular FALPI meeting.

After brief discussion, the Committee agreed to table the budget for millage public information efforts until a special meeting could be convened.

Mr. Monzon presented the proposal from Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for geotechnical engineering analysis to be completed through their contract with HNTB at a cost not to exceed \$325,723. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this proposal for approval by the Board and to further allow the President to negotiate an agreement with CPRA.

Mr. Monzon provided information regarding the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) to implement WRRDA 2014 instructions to lift the levees and discussions with the Corps, CPRA, and local stakeholders. The Committee requested that staff work jointly with Plaquemines Parish Government on this issue and inform CPRA of the issue relative to St. Charles Parish's determination to not lift their levees. The Committee will be updated at the next meeting.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Bosch presented information regarding the FEMA repayment issue for Katrina (\$80,897) and Ike (\$1,600). The Committee will be updated at the next meeting.

The Committee requested staff update the internal controls policy to allow for reallocation of funds between line items in an approved budget.

Mr. Noel presented the research regarding Mr. Merritt's request to add a budget line item for geophysics earth science expenses at a budget not to exceed \$250,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as well as Mr. Merritt's recent comments. The Committee recommended that we bring in some outside experts to evaluate the research and integrate the comments.

The Committee reviewed the Commissioners' travel expense reports and approved them for payment.

Mr. Monzon presented an update on armoring status and issues.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on the feral hog contract with Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO). The Committee agreed to accept the draft amendment which adds \$15,000 and extends the contract through June 30, 2016.

Mr. Monzon presented an update on the Jazz Walkway discussions with National Park Services and the possibility of getting a federal grant to retrofit lights. Mr. Monzon also stated that additional fill had been added to the flood side of the levee by the Algiers bike path.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on the pre-Katrina mitigation projects for Westwego to Harvey Canal, the East of Harvey Canal and the Lake Cataouatche levee projects.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel provided an update regarding the emergency catering services and options being explored. The Committee directed staff to proceed with the most cost effective plan.

Ms. Noll provided an overview of the right of entry spreadsheet. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a report of his activities for the month of June and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at 6:00 PM, a week after the originally scheduled date of July 8. It will be held in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:55 PM.