

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, September 8, 2015

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Tuesday, September 8, 2015, with the following members present: Mr. Gaddy, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Julien. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Ms. Noll, Mr. Roark, Ms. Olver, public information, and Mr. Pickering, legal counsel. Mr. Avant, legal counsel, participated by phone. Danny Caluda of Pump Station Operations (PSO) was also in attendance.

Mr. Gaddy called the meeting to order in the Executive Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:46 PM.

The Commissioners had a site visit of the 14f.2 armoring project, prior to the meeting.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated August 11, 2015.

Mr. Pickering provided an update regarding ad valorem tax issues and the November 21 election. Mr. Monzon and Mr. Pickering will go before the State Bond Commission on September 17. There are numerous upcoming public presentations.

Mr. Roark provided an updated report of incidents since the last meeting. Research was presented regarding an Automated Emergency Defibrillator (AED). The Committee requested this be considered with the larger safety program, possibly with a medical consultant. Staff stated that First Aid/CPR training will be scheduled by year end. Mr. Noel provided an overview of the updates to the current safety practices policy. Mr. Gaddy stated that the Committee is reviewing proposals for a consultant to work on a comprehensive safety program. The Committee will continue to engage and be updated on safety matters.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on armoring status and issues. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Caluda of PSO, provided an update regarding West Closure Complex (WCC) issues. After discussion, the Committee requested that Mr. Caluda examine the aniline point of diesel relative to the fuel gasket issue. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon stated that Dr. Richardson recently updated his report which addressed two remaining issues that Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Pickering had raised and will present to the FALPI Committee on September 9.

Mr. Monzon presented an updated draft of the Strategic Plan for the Committee's consideration. Mr. Gaddy encouraged the Committee to review and provide any comments prior to the September 29 board meeting, when this is slated to be adopted.

Mr. Monzon provided a status update on the building renovation. Mr. Noel presented information regarding quotes on the installation of the fuel farm. The Committee requested Staff conduct additional research and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Noel presented an overview of the work order system and will be providing a more in depth presentation to the Committee members.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on the hog issue. The Committee will continue to be updated as matters progress.

Mr. Gaddy provided proposed selection guidelines for new technology participation that the Committee discussed and agreed to further consider. Mr. Noel updated the Committee with information regarding a NOAA hardened weather station. The Committee requested staff research potential partners to cost share this project and report back to the Committee.

Mr. Monzon provided a Director's report of activities for the month of September and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, October 13, 2015, at 2:30 PM in the meeting room at the Julien Engineering Office, 2916 General De Gaulle Drive, Suite 200, New Orleans, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 PM.