

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, October 13, 2015

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Tuesday, October 13, 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, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, and Mr. Pickering, legal counsel. Mr. Avant, legal counsel, participated by phone.

Mr. Gaddy called the meeting to order in the board room at the Julien Engineering Office, 2916 General DeGaulle Drive, Suite 200, New Orleans, Louisiana, at approximately 2:31 PM.

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 September 8, 2015.

Mr. Pickering provided an update on ad valorem tax issues and the November 21 election. Mr. Monzon and Mr. Ehrhardt provided additional information on public outreach efforts.

Mr. Roark provided an updated report on safety matters and incidents since the last meeting.

Mr. Noel stated that Job Safety Analyses (JSAs) were being performed on each reach within the work order system, but further development is on hold, pending further development of the Safety Program and a standard JSA template.

Mr. Monzon reported that meetings were held with two safety consultants regarding development of a safety policy/program; staff reviewed the proposals and recommended Emeil Kimble. The Committee unanimously approved proceeding with Mr. Kimble for development of a safety manual.

The Committee will continue to be updated on safety matters.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on armoring status and issues. Mr. Noel provided an overview on engineering costs for the levee lifts, including a comprehensive environmental assessment. The Committee unanimously recommended proceeding with the necessary work. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Noel provided an update regarding West Closure Complex (WCC) issues. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon presented the scope of work and fee proposal for evaluation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to determine allowable wind load. The Committee requested staff obtain a revised proposal.

Mr. Monzon presented the 2016 proposed committee schedule. The Committee agreed to accept the proposed schedule.

Mr. Noel presented research and options regarding the Brooklyn Avenue Building. The Committee agreed that a site visit would inform their discussion regarding the usefulness and possible changes to the site.

Mr. Monzon provided a status update on the building renovation. The Committee reviewed a summary of costs to date. Mr. Avant advised that he had prepared a standard form contract which incorporates the terms of the architect's proposal.

The Committee agreed on guideline criteria for new technology participation and requested staff send to Ms. Maclay and Mr. Merritt for information.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee regarding the proposed NOAA hardened weather station at Bayou Segnette.

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

Mr. Pickering provided an update on developments related to the M/V Pelican incident.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at 2:30 PM in the executive meeting room of the EOC at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:12 PM.