

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA–W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 19, 2016

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA–W met on Tuesday, January 19, 2016, with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, chairman and Mr. Dauphin. Ms. Maclay was absent. Staff in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, and Ms. Noll. Harry Vorhoff of the Attorney General’s office was also in attendance.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA–W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:02 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated December 9, 2015.

Mr. Pickering advised the Committee that the millage renewal for Algiers Levee District will be complete after action is taken at the January 25 board meeting.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Bordelon provided information regarding property owned by the West Jefferson Levee District that resides in other Parishes, namely Plaquemines and St. Charles. The Committee discussed cooperative endeavor agreements to turn over the property and provide other necessary information to those Parishes, since they operate and maintain that property. The Committee discussed the need for a database of our real estate matters. Staff will research the current proposal and a path forward. Also, the Committee directed staff to transfer an escrow account to a holding account.

Due to Ms. Maclay’s absence, Mr. Camnetar’s scheduled departure and Mr. Thomas being set to join the Board soon, discussion was deferred on agenda item #7. BP Settlement Funds.

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

The Committee reviewed the current budget and recommended an amendment, to the attorney services budget to allow for proper accounting of the BP settlement, for approval by the Board.

The Committee discussed the proposed budget and provided feedback to staff on reorganization and formatting.

The Committee reviewed the Commissioner’s travel expense report and approved it for payment.

The Committee approved the reallocation of a “Custodian 2” to a “Helper” position on the organizational chart and agreed to recommend this for approval by the Board.

The Committee reviewed the preliminary appraisal estimate and photos of the Brooklyn Avenue Building. Staff informed the Committee of the direction provided by the TOM Committee.

Discussion was deferred on agenda item 9c. Lafitte Royalties, as Mr. Merritt is still researching the issue.

Mr. Noel presented an update on the lifts and armoring status.

Mr. Monzon informed the Committee that the draft record retention schedule is with State Archives awaiting review. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

The right of entry spreadsheet was reviewed and the Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a report of his activities for the month of January and informed the Committee on pending issues. During the fuel farm project update, Mr. Avant counseled that the fuel farm project is a public works project and shall follow public bid law for public works, not materials. The Committee approved the equipment purchases as detailed by staff.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the date and time of the next Committee meeting is subject to change, but is tentatively scheduled to be held Tuesday, February 2, 2016 at 6:00 PM. 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 7:49 PM.