

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA–W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Thursday, April 14, 2016

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA–W met on Thursday, April 14, 2016, with the following members present: Mr. Dauphin, chairman and Ms. Maclay. Mr. Thomas was absent. Staff in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, and Ms. Noll.

Mr. Dauphin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA–W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:35 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 March 8, 2016.

Ms. Everett provided an overview of Louisiana Civil Service General Circular 2016-004 regarding performance adjustments. After discussion of the circular, human resource matters, and operational staffing needs, the Committee directed staff to conduct additional research on these matters. Ms. Ford provided a handout for the Engineering Technician 5 position. The Committee unanimously recommended the Engineering Technician 5 position for board approval.

The Committee took a five minute break at approximately 7:05 PM

It was moved by Ms. Maclay, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Committee to enter Executive Session at approximately 7:10 PM.

Mr. Pickering provided a legal update on the following: Wharves & Docks Company, LLC vs. SLFPA-W, et al (No. 59-084, 25th JDC), other related cases and the matter of the complaint of Higman Barge Lines, as Owner and Operator of the M/V Pelican in a cause of action for exoneration from or limitation of liability: USDC-EDLA No. 15-3716 “B”(5).

The Committee exited Executive Session at approximately 7:24 PM. No action was taken.

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 agreed to recommend the transfer of the BP settlement funds into the West Closure Complex (WCC) Emergency Fund for board approval.

The Committee reviewed the current budget. Mr. Bosch will provide a summary of budget amendments to be made for fiscal year 2016 at the next FALPI meeting.

The Committee reviewed and approved the Commissioners’ expense reports for payment.

Ms. Maclay and Mr. Avant provided an update on the current legislative session.

Contract renewals are being reviewed by Mr. Avant and will be presented to the Committee prior to the June 22 board meeting.

The Committee reviewed the handout regarding the royalties received from Swift Energy. The committee unanimously agreed to recommend the transfer of \$153,404.46 to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District, contingent upon their signature of receipt and release of these funds, and to amend the budget accordingly.

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

The Algiers Levee District (ALD) millages will be adopted at the May board meeting and staff is waiting on additional information from the Jefferson Parish Assessor regarding the timeline to roll forward for the West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) millage.

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

After discussion, it was determined to move future FALPI Committee meetings from Thursday to Tuesday evenings. Mr. Dauphin announced that for now, the current date and time of the next meeting is Thursday, May 12, 2016 at 6:00 PM, subject to change. 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 8:37 PM.