

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA–W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 22, 2016

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:47 PM on Wednesday, June 22, 2016 at Moreau Center – Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131.

Ms. Maclay called the meeting to order and directed Mr. Dauphin to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilkinson. Staff present were: Mr. Bosch, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel. Mr. Osborne of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and Mr. Vorhoff of the Attorney General’s office were also in attendance.

Ms. Maclay led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to defer motions 13o, 13p and 13r until next month’s meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and approved by the majority of Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the May 25, 2016 regular board meeting. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Mr. Merritt
RECUSED: None

There were no public comments.

Mr. Osborne from NOAA gave a presentation regarding Hardened Weather Stations.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to direct administrative staff to research federal grants available to assist with obtaining a NOAA Hardened Weather Station, Tidal Gauge and Continuously Operating Reference Station.

Ms. Maclay presented the President’s report for the month of June.

Mr. Dauphin reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information (FALPI) Committee during the month of June.

Mr. Gaddy reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of June.

Mr. Merritt reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Environmental and Research (E&R) Committee during the month of June.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director's report for the month of June.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and approved by the majority of Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial statements as submitted for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member levee districts. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: Mr. Merritt
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by the majority of Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration purchase general liability insurance coverage with First Mercury Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$157,456.39. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase property insurance coverage with AXIS for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$23,696.10. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase business auto insurance coverage with Hallmark Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$65,900.33. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13e to read: "Motion by Mr. Dauphin to authorize the administration to purchase worker's compensation insurance coverage with LUBA Casualty Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$42,957.00." The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

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YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13f to read: "Motion by Mr. Dauphin to authorize the administration to purchase professional liability insurance coverage with Darwin Select Insurance Co. for the Southeastern Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$19,328.05." The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

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YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13g to read: "Motion by Mr. Dauphin to authorize the administration to purchase excess liability coverage with Lexington Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from July 1, 2016 to July 1, 2017, in the amount of \$77,589.00." The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

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YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for public information services for two fiscal years with The Ehrhardt Group, at an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for accounting support services for two fiscal years with AIM Technologies, at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for appraisal services for two fiscal years with Bird and Associates, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for appraisal services for two fiscal years with Wayne Sandoz and Associates, at a flat rate to be approved by the

Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for appraisal services for two fiscal years with Argote, Derbes, Graham, Shuffield and Tatje, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for surveying services for two fiscal years with Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for abstracting services for two fiscal years with J. Chris Compton Abstractor, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to defer agenda item 13q until next month's meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for human resources support services for two fiscal years with Wanda "Dee" Everett, at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 275, publishing the official journal, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, to The Times Picayune in the amount of \$0.90 per columnar inch, and to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 274, annual equipment rental, for the period from July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017, to Kass Brothers and to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for Flood Control Information Management System maintenance services for two fiscal years with JBM Group, at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the

fiscal years July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017 and July 1, 2017 – June 30, 2018, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize Pickering & Cotogno, who are qualified bond counsel, to investigate and research the possibility of West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) issuing \$8,000,000.00 of revenue bonds to be used for maintenance of the WJLD levees and report back to the FALPI Committee at its next meeting. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Wilkinson

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13x to read: "Motion by Mr. Dauphin to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016 as follows:

- i. Increase "Ad Valorem Taxes" from \$1,230,979.12 to \$2,565,906.22
- ii. Increase "Interest Income" from \$15,000.00 to \$166,470.43
- iii. Increase "Miscellaneous Income" from \$5,000.00 to \$39,300.00
- iv. Decrease "Oil & Gas Royalties" from \$30,926.19 to \$5,497.10
- v. Increase "Permit Fees" from \$4,000.00 to \$19,000.00
- vi. Decrease "Revenue Sharing (net)" from \$555,671.01 to \$450,888.18
- vii. Decrease "Sale of Equipment" from \$50,410.00 to \$8,598.50
- viii. Reallocate \$100,000.00 from "WCC: Maintenance Repairs & Supplies" to "WCC: Outside Repair/Inspections"

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Ms. Maclay announced that the next Board meeting of the Authority will be held at the SLFPA-W Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:49 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Paul Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer