

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA–W)  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Wednesday, July 27, 2016

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:33 PM on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

Ms. Maclay opened a Public Hearing at 5:33 PM to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum for the West Jefferson Levee District.

Ms. Maclay called for public comments, and there was one. Henry L. "Hank" Berchak- Here on behalf of Terrytown Association. After receiving the Agenda late afternoon he noticed an error. The top says "not exceed prior year's maximum", and he pointed out that it did not reflect the bottom. Ngoc Ford and John Monzon explained that the verbiage came from the auditors and, does not have to match. They confirmed the written language was correct. Mrs. Ford offered to provide him with the full resolution to provide him with the actual rate. The Public Hearing was adjourned at approximately 5:39 PM.

Immediately following the Public Hearing Ms. Maclay called the public 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, Ms. Mann, Mr. Noel, Mr. Avant of Avant and Falcon, Ms. Olver of The Ehrhardt Group, Mr. Pickering of Pickering and Cotogno, 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 Ms. Maclay, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 22, 2016 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin and seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by Commissioners to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the Algiers Levee District of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on November 18, 2015, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates [(Special Maintenance: 0.73) and (Constitutional General: 5.35)] be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue. The resolution passed unanimously:

Wilkinson YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Thomas, and Mr.

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by Commissioners to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the Algiers Levee District of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on November 18, 2015, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. The resolution passed unanimously:

Wilkinson YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Thomas, and Mr.

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

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

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

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

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

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of July.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the 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.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: Mr. Merritt

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration’s purchase of 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 an amended amount of \$59,831.60.

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Dauphin and Mr. Thomas  
ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services with Pickering and Cotogno, at an un-reimbursable amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt  
ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services with Owen J. Bordelon, at an un-reimbursable amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt  
ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services with Avant and Falcon, at an amount not to exceed \$85,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt  
ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for assistance in governmental relations activities with Adams and Reese, at an amount not to exceed \$42,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt  
ABSENT:

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13g to read: "to authorize Pickering and Cotogno to proceed with researching the feasibility of proceeding with a bond issue to fund the construction and lifting of the hurricane protection levees in West Jefferson, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson  
NAYS:  
ABSTAINED: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt

ABSENT:

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, August 24, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 PM.

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Susan H. Maclay, President

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Paul Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer