

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
May 20, 2013

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:31 PM on May 20, 2013 in the Board Room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana 70072.

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

In attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera and Mr. Wilkinson. Also in attendance were: Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Ms. Ford, Ms. Rogers and Mr. Ehrhardt, public information. Also attending were USACE Lt. Col. James Handura and representatives from the USACE.

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

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Dauphin and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the April 15, 2013 meeting.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, for and on behalf of the West Jefferson Levee District, to levy the millage(s) on the 2013 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, for and on behalf of the Algiers Levee District, to levy the millage(s) on the 2014 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

USACE Deputy Commander Lt. Col. James Handura presented a corrective action update on WBV-14c.2, and discussed the recommendations that were made by the Tiger Team. He addressed several areas of concern and outlined the repairs that are underway, as well as the investigative oversight of the projects. Ms. Maclay led a discussion, and moderated a series of questions and answers between Board members and USACE representatives. Lt. Col. Handura will keep the Technical, Operations and Maintenance Committee informed when any changes are made to the agreed process. Ms. Maclay thanked him for his presentation.

Ms. Maclay called for a five minute break.

After Ms. Maclay reconvened the meeting, Mr. Miserendino presented the Regional Director's Report (Strategic Goals Plan) and reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the SLFPA – W and its member districts during the month of May.

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

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

Ms. Maclay reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) during the month of May. She identified the topics covered at the ALBL conference, and thanked the Commissioners who attended. She further reported that all Commissioners who had attended the Conference participated in the ethics training. She urged those Commissioners who had not participated in the ethics training to do so by December 31st, since the state mandates this training every year. At the request of Mr. Wilkinson, she asked Mr. Miserendino to advance a question of allowing ethics training required for professional licensing to substitute for the state mandated training.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by 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 districts.

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 with Bethune Services, LLC, to provide catering services at the prices they bid, during emergency conditions, 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. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract with Kass Brothers, Inc., to provide materials, at the prices they bid, during both normal and emergency operations, 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. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract with The JBM Group, LLC, to provide IT services for programming the new work order system, at an amount not to exceed \$43,500.00, 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 and seconded by Mr. Viera to authorize the President to negotiate a contract with Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., to provide engineering and technical assistance relating to the armoring pilot program, at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS:	Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera, Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	Mr. Gaddy
RECUSED:	None

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 Memorandum of Agreement between the State of Louisiana through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and all

coastal area levee authorities for the contribution of funds for the development and delivery of a levee permit automation software and database, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

Ms. Maclay announced the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70131, on Monday, June 17, 2013 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:41 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Paul R. Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer