

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, September 24, 2014

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:35 PM on Wednesday, September 24, 2014 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. Camnetar to call the roll.

In attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Bosch, Mr. Roark, Mr. Strong, Ms. Noll, Mr. Edwards, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, Mr. Kemp, legal counsel, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, and Ms. Nosari and Mr. Gourgues, GCR.

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

It was moved Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the August 27, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the agenda to add a motion to consider a resolution pertinent to the Western Closure Complex.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend Item #13B on the agenda to increase the spending limit on the network upgrade to \$110,000.00 and to allow the President to hire an external independent expert or panel.

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

There were no public comments.

Ms. Nosari and Mr. Gourgues gave a presentation on GCR real estate and program management services.

Ms. Maclay and Mr. Avant led a discussion on the Western Closure Complex.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Dauphin to amend the resolution pertinent to the Western Closure Complex so that each instance of “New Orleans Sewerage and Water Board” in the document was replaced with “Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB), and to edit items 3 and 4 on the resolution to read “Can SLFPA-W legally expend West Jefferson Levee District’s and Algiers Levee District’s ad valorem tax dollars outside its territorial jurisdiction?” and “Can SLFPA-W legally expend West Jefferson Levee District’s and Algiers Levee District’s ad valorem tax dollars to operate a flood control pump which provides interior rain water drainage?”.

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, on behalf of the West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, to join in a request by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority

and/or Jefferson Parish and/or Plaquemines Parish and/or the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) seeking an opinion from the Louisiana Attorney General ascertaining the legal basis, nature and extent of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and/or Jefferson Parish and/or Plaquemines Parish and/or the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (S&WB) respective obligations to operate, maintain, repair, rehabilitate or replace the Western Closure Complex or WCC, including payment of the costs thereof.

Ms. Maclay provided the President’s report for the month of September.

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

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

The Board took a short break for approximately ten minutes and then reconvened.

Mr. Merritt reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Environmental and Research Committee (ER) during the month of September.

Mr. Monzon provided the Regional Director’s report for the month of September.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, 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. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Camnetar to amend Item #13B on the agenda to allow the President to hire an external independent expert or panel and recommend a cost effective solution before the project is concluded.

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. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS:	Ms. Maclay
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

It was moved by Mr. Merritt and seconded by Mr. Julien to amend Item #13B on the agenda to authorize the administration to upgrade SLFPA-W’s network through State Contract, at a budget not to exceed \$110,000.00, and to allow the President to hire an external independent expert or panel and recommend a cost effective solution before the project is concluded. The motion was tabled.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend Item #13B on the agenda to authorize the administration to upgrade SLFPA-W’s network through State Contract, at a budget not to exceed \$100,000.00, and to allow the President to hire an external independent expert or panel and recommend a cost effective solution before the project is concluded.

Ms. Maclay announced the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held in the Moreau Center at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Dr., New Orleans, Louisiana, 70131, on Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:46 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer