

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 11, 2013

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on June 11, 2013 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Caluda, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information and Ms. Rogers. Mr. Merritt observed the meeting via Skype.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at SLFPA – W, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 3:08 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated May 14, 2013.

Mr. Miserendino reported on the progress of the armoring test program, which has recently begun. Testing of the finished program is expected in several months. Other levee boards have been invited to monitor the program. Mr. Miserendino will email the armoring documents to the Committee members, as well as to Mr. Merritt.

Mr. Miserendino updated the Committee on the development of the Operations Manual. Parts 1 & 2 are complete, and Part 3 is still being written. He informed the Committee on the status of project turnovers. Mr. Wilkinson requested having a brief summary of each project in line for a turnover. Mr. Miserendino will continue to update the Committee at each monthly meeting.

Mr. Miserendino noted that the Water Control Manual was finished. Mr. Caluda provided additional comments. There will be further discussion during upcoming Committee meetings.

Mr. Caluda reported that he had received no more information about movement of the structure at WBV-90 (GIWW West Closure Complex.)

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion about the status of the GIWW keel coolers' repairs. Mr. Caluda gave a brief chronology of repair activities to date. He continues to monitor repair work, and will continue to update the Committee at each monthly meeting.

Mr. Miserendino talked about the disposal of levee samples taken from WBV-14c.2 (New Westwego PS to Orleans Village.) After a short discussion on the merit of retaining some or all of the 14c.2 soil samples the TOM Committee saw no present or future value for retaining the samples and reiterated its support for their final disposal.

Mr. Miserendino reported that he had received a geophysical report from FDH Engineering about WBV-33 (Old Estelle Pump Station – Fronting Protection.) He will provide copies to the Committee and Mr. Merritt. A conference call will be scheduled for discussion of the report.

Mr. Gaddy related that at the recent ALBL conference, a draft resolution about flood insurance rate maps was discussed. He asked for an update on its progress. Mr. Miserendino reported that it had been forwarded to legislators for consideration.

Mr. Miserendino explained a CEA with the Port of New Orleans, for remediation of the Todd Shipyard area. The Committee agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

In Other Matters, Mr. Viera said he would be meeting with the new chief engineer at the USACE. Mr. Miserendino reminded the Committee members about the site visit scheduled at 10:00 AM on June 19, 2013.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:15 PM.