

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)  
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting  
Tuesday, January 14, 2014

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on January 14, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were: Mr. Roark, Mr. Strong, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Tim Kay and Mr. Tom Wells from Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc. (Waldemar Nelson), Mr. Tim Connell and other representatives from United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mr. Les Dunham, Ms. Kathy Haggard, and another representative from Dynamic Measurement (DML). Representatives from Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and a representative from FDH Engineering, Inc. (FDH) were also in attendance. Mr. Merritt was in attendance as a member of the public.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:34 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated December 12, 2013.

Mr. Viera led a discussion on the CPRA resolution regarding operation and maintenance of the New Orleans Area Hurricane Protection System in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations and for the purpose of FEMA certification. Mr. Viera suggested several changes to the resolution and the Committee agreed to forward these suggestions to Mr. Avant, legal counsel, for his review.

Following the arrival of the representatives from DML at approximately 2:45 PM, the Committee took a short recess to relocate the meeting to the Board Room. The Committee reconvened at approximately 2:50 PM and Mr. Viera led the introductions.

Mr. Kay presented new information on the armoring report from Waldemar Nelson, and led a discussion. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera updated the Committee on the progress of the Intergovernmental Agreement. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera updated the Committee on the status of the West Bank Hydraulic Balance. After some discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to organize a meeting on the subject with other emergency response agencies to focus on dissemination of relevant information and coordination during emergencies.

Mr. Roark updated the Committee on the progress of the air conditioning upgrade and office renovations. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

In Other Matters, Mr. Roark updated the Committee on the Brooklyn facility. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend the termite removal for approval by the Board.

Mr. Strong updated the Committee on the Safety Program. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Roark led a discussion on the feral hog infestation and updated the Committee on the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) proposed procedures. Mr. Roark will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera introduced several guests, they were: H. Roice Nelson Jr. and Les Denham, co-founders of Dynamic Measurement LLC of Houston, Texas and Jade Rung of FDH Engineering's New Orleans office. Mr. Merritt made a public comment about residual risk and levee factors of safety. Mr. Merritt told the Committee of two possibilities for managing these risks. Mr. Viera gave Mr. Merritt a mandate to study emerging (risk management) technologies and report to the Committee.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, February 20, 2014 at 2:30 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 4:00 PM.