

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, April 15, 2014

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were: Mr. Roark, Ms. Ford, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Caluda, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Bordelon, legal counsel, Mr. Ehrhardt and Ms. Fabens-Lassen, public information, and Mr. Connell, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Mr. Avant, legal counsel, participated by phone.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:30 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 March 20, 2014.

Mr. Bordelon presented information on Mississippi River Levee servitudes and the Flood Control Act. Mr. Avant then led a discussion on recent bills proposed by the state legislature and the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Avant will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle gave an update on armoring status and issues. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Caluda and Mr. Connell updated the Committee on progress with the Western Closure Complex, WBV 16.2 pump station, and other project outstanding issues requiring follow-up. Mr. Caluda will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

The Committee took a short break for approximately five minutes and then reconvened.

Col. Fogle updated the Committee on the status of SLFPA-W's emergency and high water preparedness. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera, Col. Fogle, and Mr. Connel gave a summary of the West Bank Hydraulic Balance meeting held by USACE. The Committee unanimously agreed to present this information to the Board.

Col. Fogle and Mr. Roark provided a status update regarding feral hogs on the levee. They will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Roark updated the Committee on the status of the building renovations. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera gave a summary of topics discussed at the Tulane Engineering Forum. Mr. Viera stated that this information would be included as part of his TOM Committee report to the Board.

Mr. Roark gave a presentation on bids received for supplies and materials and equipment rental. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these bids for approval by the Board.

Ms. Ford announced that the adoption of the annual millage rate(s) will be held at the May 29, 2014 Board meeting, which will take place in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road Marrero, LA at 5:30 PM.

Col. Fogle presented a proposed change to the scheduled dates of TOM Committee meetings. The Committee unanimously agreed to implement the new meeting schedule.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 13, 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 5:30 PM.