

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, June 9, 2015

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Tuesday, June 9, 2015, with the following members present: Mr. Wilkinson, chairman, Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Julien. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Ms. Noll, Mr. Roark, Ms. Olver, public information, and Mr. Pickering, legal counsel. Mr. Avant, legal counsel, participated by phone.

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order in the Executive Emergency Operations Center (EOC) meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:34 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 12, 2015.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on the special ad valorem tax issues and the November 21 election. There are upcoming presentations on June 16 to the West Jefferson Civic Coalition and June 23 to the Algiers Neighborhood Presidents Association. Mr. Julien arrived during this update at approximately 2:40 PM. The Commissioners were encouraged to participate in these presentations.

Mr. Roark provided a safety update, as of the second month of the second quarter. The Committee will continue to be updated on safety issues.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on armoring status and issues, which included a discussion regarding a possible pilot project with vetiver grass. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on the feral hogs and the need for a contract with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office for the next fiscal year. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this to the Board for its consideration and action.

Mr. Monzon presented the proposal regarding the geotechnical engineering analysis for the levee lifts.

Mr. Monzon presented the memorandum from the Corps regarding the General Reevaluation Report (GRR) in order to implement WRRDA 2014 instructions to lift the levees. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this to the Board for its consideration and action.

Mr. Noel provided an update regarding West Closure Complex (WCC) issues. As requested, staff provided an issues report, which will be sent monthly. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Noel presented the proposed revisions to the safety policy. The Committee requested staff look at other agency's policies and report back at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon informed the Committee of issues regarding the Jazz Walkway.

Mr. Monzon informed the Committee of a possible FEMA repayment issue.

Mr. Monzon informed the Committee of the pre-Katrina mitigation projects for Westwego to Harvey Canal, the East of Harvey Canal, and the Lake Cataouatche levee projects.

Mr. Monzon provided background on the possible implementation of a policy to reallocate funds between line items in an approved budget. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this to the Board for its consideration and action.

Mr. Noel presented his research report on Mr. Merritt's request to add a budget line item for geophysics earth science expenses at an amount not to exceed \$250,000, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016. The Committee felt it may be a bit premature to authorize this amount, especially in light of prioritizing needs and agreed to assess new technology on a case by case basis. The Committee consensus was open minded to new technologies, but cautious with fund allocation due to competing priorities.

Mr. Wilkinson advised that the EOC electrical room item would be addressed with a site visit at the end of the meeting. The Committee will be updated at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon presented an updated flow chart of the proposed AFE process. After discussion, the Committee requested staff to consider making an additional revision. The Committee will be updated at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a report of his activities for the month of June and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Wilkinson announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2015, at 2:30 PM in the Executive EOC meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:13 PM.