

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Thursday, April 30, 2015

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:31 PM on Thursday, April 30, 2015 in the Moreau Center at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70131.

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order and directed Mr. Camnetar to call the roll.

In attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Julien arrived at approximately 5:36 PM. Also in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Ms. Noll, Mr. Noel, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, and Mr. Ehrhardt, public information. Ms. Maclay was not able to attend, but listened to the meeting via FaceTime, and did not participate in any manner.

Mr. Wilkinson led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the March 24, 2015 regular meeting.

The agenda was unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance.

During public comments, Mr. Roy Arrigo addressed the board regarding House Bill #6 and asked if the Board had taken a position on this proposed legislation. Mr. Wilkinson stated that the Board had not taken a formal position on this matter; and it would not be addressed, because it was not on the agenda. Mr. Pickering shared that the ALBL Legislative Committee has taken a neutral position on this local matter. Mr. Julien arrived at the conclusion of public comments.

Mr. Pickering provided an update on the special ad valorem taxes and November election. Counsel has provided separate draft millage election documents for Algiers Levee District (ALD) and West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) and welcomed feedback. Board meetings will be held during the time frame of September 8 – 11, 2015.

Mr. Wilkinson announced the Board's intent to adopt the WJLD millage rate at the May meeting.

Mr. Wilkinson announced the Board's intent to adopt the ALD millage rates at the June meeting, pending receipt of information from the Orleans Parish Assessor.

Ms. Maclay was not in attendance, due to an injury; however, Mr. Dauphin presented a President's report for the month of April, on her behalf. As requested, Mr. Pickering provided a brief legislative update.

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

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

Mr. Merritt provided an update on environmental and research issues.

Mr. Noel presented the Regional Director's report for the month of April, on behalf of Mr. Monzon.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, 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. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to amend the budget to include \$13,500 for Dr. Richardson to provide timely economic analysis regarding the millage issue for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin and approved by the majority of Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to amend the budget to include \$1,500 for professional services to be rendered by Mr. Stephen Young. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: Mr. Merritt

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to amend the contract with The Ehrhardt Group to increase it by \$20,000 for a total of \$60,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to consolidate and transfer bank accounts to First NBC Bank for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member levee districts.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend and re-enact Resolution Number 032415-02, authorizing a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West to designate First NBC Bank as the authorized depository of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member levee districts, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District and to advise check signing authority for certain individuals.

Mr. Wilkinson announced that the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held in the Board Room at SLFPA-West, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, 70072, on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Wilkinson declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:24 PM.

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Susan H. Maclay, President

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Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer