SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA–W) Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting Tuesday, March 8, 2016

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on Tuesday, March 8, 2016, with the following members present: Mr. Dauphin, chairman, Ms. Maclay, and Mr. Thomas. Staff in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, and Ms. Noll. Harry Vorhoff of the Attorney General's office was also in attendance.

Mr. Dauphin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:02 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting dated February 16, 2016.

It was moved by Ms. Maclay, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Committee to enter Executive Session at approximately 6:05 PM. Mr. Pickering provided a legal update on the following: Wharves & Docks Company, LLC vs. SLFPA-W, et al (No. 59-084, 25th JDC) and Angela D. wife of/and Mark L. Magee vs. WJLD, et al (No. 709-308, 24th JDC). The Committee exited Executive Session at approximately 6:43 PM. No action was taken.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statements for SLFPA-W and its member levee districts. The Committee agreed to recommend these reports for approval by the Board. Mr. Bosch confirmed that SLFPA-W will become the primary account for cost allocated items, while the respective levee districts will continue to pay direct costs in their jurisdictions.

The Committee reviewed the current budget and acknowledged amendments will need to be made prior to the end of the 2016 fiscal year.

The Committee reviewed the updated draft 2017 fiscal year budget and provided additional edits/feedback to incorporate into the proposed budget.

As requested, staff provided information on the employee uniform expense.

The Committee determined that the 2017 budget should be addressed in a special board meeting, immediately preceding the next regularly scheduled board meeting on March 23.

The Committee reviewed and approved the Commissioner's expense report for payment.

The Committee discussed the cost allocation for the operations and maintenance (0&M) cooperative endeavor agreements between SLFPA-W, the West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD), and the Algiers Levee District (ALD). The Committee unanimously approved the proposed cost allocation methodology and the new minimum and maximum splits: 30% ALD/70% WJLD and 40% ALD/60% WJLD, respectively.

Mr. Monzon provided an overview of the updates to the strategic plan and expressed appreciation to the working group on their efforts. The Committee requested staff make edits and indicated they had some additional questions.

Mr. Monzon stated that the AFE process will be utilized before purchases are made, as desired by the TOM Committee.

Mr. Noel stated the need to update the environmental permitting authority. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this for approval by the Board.

The National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) is planning a field trip of the SLFPA-W flood protection system on Saturday, April 9, 2016.

The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend that Commissioners and key staff attend the 31st Annual ALBL Workshop on May 5 – 6 in Baton Rouge.

The right of entry spreadsheet was reviewed and the Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a report of his activities for the month of March and informed the Committee on pending issues. The Committee reviewed the status of the lifts and armoring project. Mr. Noel and Mr. Monzon gave an overview of the handout showing the prioritized lifts are WBV-15a.2, WBV-16.2, and WBV-14e.2, due to risk and elevation of these reaches.

The Committee confirmed that the Board should roll forward WJLD's constitutional millage this year, due to the annual reassessment.

After discussion, it was determined to move the FALPI Committee meetings from Tuesday to Thursday evenings. Mr. Dauphin announced that the date and time of the next meeting is Thursday, April 14, 2016 at 6:00 PM. It will be held in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA–W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 8:43 PM.