Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W) Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting Friday, November 13, 2015

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Friday, November 13, 2015 with the following members present: Mr. Gaddy, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Julien. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Ms. Noll, Mr. Roark, Ms. Olver, public information. Mr. Avant, legal counsel, participated by phone.

Mr. Gaddy called the meeting to order in the committee meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 12:00 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 October 13, 2015.

Mr. Monzon provided an update regarding ad valorem tax issues and the November 21 election. Mr. Julien arrived during this update, at approximately 12:06 PM.

Mr. Roark provided an updated report of incidents since the last meeting. Training for First Aid/CPR/AED and Blood Borne Pathogens has been completed. Staff updated the Committee on contract negotiations with Keystone Engineering. The Committee will review and advise regarding the draft contract and continue to be updated on safety matters.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel provided an update on lifts and armoring. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Noel provided an update regarding West Closure Complex (WCC) issues. Mr. Monzon updated the Committee regarding discussions and the renewal of the interim intergovernmental agreement and the contract with Pump Station Operations. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Bosch stated the need for a budget amendment in order to properly account for the BP settlement.

Mr. Monzon advised that the Phase 1 building renovation work is complete. The contract for additional work is with the architect for review.

Mr. Monzon and Noel advised that the US Army Corps of Engineers is getting close to issuing a Notice of Construction Completion (NCC) on various projects along the Algiers Canal, a federal navigable waterway. After discussion, Mr. Avant advised that there must be an agreement in place before SLFPA-W assumes additional responsibilities.

Further discussion regarding the Brooklyn Avenue Building was deferred until a December 8 site visit.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee with information regarding a NOAA hardened weather station.

Mr. Monzon provided a Director's report of activities for the month of November and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, December 8, 2015, at 2:30 PM in the Committee meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 1:22 PM.