

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, March 28, 2017

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:40 PM on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 at the University of Holy Cross – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Dr., New Orleans, Louisiana.

Ms. Maclay called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Julien to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Thomas and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Dauphin was absent.

Ms. Maclay led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy and seconded by Mr. Julien to amend the agenda to include item 12f, motion to award WBV 14e.2 Levee Lift bid to Pontchartrain Partners, LLC. The motion failed to pass as the vote was not unanimous. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: Mr. Merritt
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Julien, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the February 21, 2017 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Ms. Maclay opened the public hearing at approximately 5:48 PM for approval of the 2017 – 2018 fiscal year budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member levee districts. Ms. Maclay reviewed the proposed budget with the Commissioners in attendance and led a discussion.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien and approved by a majority of Commissioners in attendance to approve and adopt the proposed budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member levee districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Ms. Maclay, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: Mr. Merritt
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

There were no public comments and the hearing was closed at approximately 5:51 PM.

Ms. Maclay presented the President’s report for the month of March.

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

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

Mr. Merritt reported on Environmental and Research (ER) issues during the month of March. A hard copy of his report is available to the public upon request.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of March.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and approved by a majority of 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. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: Mr. Merritt
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Thomas seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget by \$21,000 for the equipment line item for equipment sent to auction for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and approved by a majority of Commissioners in attendance to approve the Rathborne Property Agreement. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: Mr. Merritt
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the Optional Pay Policy #11-08 as required by Louisiana Civil Service. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize attendance for Commissioners and key staff at the 32nd Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, May 4 – 5, 2017, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, subject to funding as provided in the budget. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dauphin
RECUSED: None

Ms. Maclay announced that the next regular board meeting of the Authority will be held in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:57 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Paul R. Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer