

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, April 28, 2020

*In accordance with Section 4 of Governor Edwards' Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 30: Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Tuesday, April 28, 2020 board meeting by teleconference.*

*Pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 30, section 4, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Board Meeting via teleconference, otherwise unable to operate due to limitations on public gatherings. To assure quorum requirements during this public health emergency, the SLFPA-W will hold its' meeting by teleconference.*

*Public comments will accepted during the teleconference meeting.*

*To submit a public comment, please submit by email to: [publiccomments@slfpaw.org](mailto:publiccomments@slfpaw.org). Please include full name and business/organization represented. Comments received will be read and recorded during the meeting.*

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:01 P.M. Tuesday, April 28, 2020 in person and by teleconference, in the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

Mr. Burke called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Gauthé to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road: Mr. Burke.  
Attending by teleconference: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas and Dr. Valent.

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

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the agenda by tabling Item 11g, and referring it to the May meeting of the FALPI Committee. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Dr. Valent and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve the agenda as amended. The roll call vote was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the March 24, 2020 regular board meeting. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke presented the President's report for the month of April.

Mr. Gauthé reported the minutes of the April 14, 2020 Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information (FALPI) Committee are available on the SLFPA-W website.

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

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director's report for the month of April.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Dr. Valent 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, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance negotiate a contract for public information services for two fiscal years with The Ehrhardt Group, at an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for accounting support services for two fiscal years with AIM Technologies, at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Dr. Valent and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for appraisal services for two fiscal years with Argote, Derbes, Graham, Shuffield and Tatje, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for surveying services for two fiscal years with Dufrene Surveying and Engineering, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Owen J. Bordelon, at a non-reimbursable amount not to exceed \$25,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Pickering and Cotogno, at a non-reimbursable amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Dr. Valent and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for human resources support services for two fiscal years with Wanda “Dee” Everett, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for surveying and bathymetry for two fiscal years with All South Consulting Engineers, LLC, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas,  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for Flood Control Information Management System maintenance services for two fiscal years with JBM Group, at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None  
VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Dr. Valent and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for appraisal services for two fiscal years with Wayne Sandoz and Associates, at a flat rate to be approved by the Regional Director, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with the City of New Orleans for the construction of an all-weather access road (aka Bike Path) on the crown of the levee in Algiers from Todd Shipyard to the Chalmette Ferry, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

VACANT SEAT: One

Mr. Burke announced that the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2020, (meeting may be a teleconference) at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:38 P.M.

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Scott M. Burke, President

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Stephen P. Gauthé, Secretary – Treasurer