

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)  
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting  
Tuesday, June 28, 2022

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, June 28, 2022 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. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Thomas.

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

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

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 May 24, 2022 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

The Board presented Commissioner Kerwin E. Julien Sr. with a resolution honoring him for his service to the SLFPA-W Board. It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the resolution into record. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

Mr. Ryan Daul briefed the Board on the SLFPA-W 2022-2023 insurance renewals. The Commissioners reviewed the proposed rates. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend agenda item 13h, commercial property insurance with Amrisc, to purchase option b for \$37,851.00.

Mr. Burke presented the President’s report for the month of June.

Mr. Gauthé reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Administration Committee during the month of June.

Mr. Julien reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Operations and Maintenance Committee during the month of June.

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director's report for the month of June.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the Compliance Questionnaire for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, and to evidence that approval by its execution, by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, all in connection with the 2021-2022 audit. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to modify the contract with Mr. Owen Bordelon to increase the contract limit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to \$50,000 in consideration of work performed for the Authority in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and to authorize the President to execute any documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to modify the contract with JBM Technologies to increase the contract limit for the 2021-2022 fiscal year to \$60,000 in consideration of work performed for the Authority in the 2021-2022 fiscal year, and to authorize the President to execute any documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for public information services for two fiscal years with The Ehrhardt Group, at an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase general liability insurance with Lloyd's of London for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$146,790.00 and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to purchase business auto insurance coverage with Houston Specialty Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$183,531.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé and seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase commercial property insurance coverage with Amrisc LP for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West,

West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$37,851.00 and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend agenda item 13i, professional liability coverage, to \$21,954.54. It was moved by Mr. Gauthé and seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase professional liability insurance coverage with Indian Harbor Insurance Co. for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$21,954.54, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase umbrella liability insurance coverage with Lloyd's of London for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$84,368.00 and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase worker's compensation insurance coverage with LUBA Casualty Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$49,389.00. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé and seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase contractors pollution liability coverage with Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from July 1, 2022 to July 1, 2023, in the amount of \$10,549.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé and seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, updating item 'ix' to a decrease in ALD Ad Valorem from \$2,881,802. to \$2,737,711. as follows:

- i. Increase "Communication Services from \$38,000. to \$48,000.
  - ii. Increase "Flood Protection Materials and Supplies" from \$110,000. to \$140,000.
  - iii. Increase "Flood Protection Repair & Inspections" from \$40,000. to \$70,000.
  - iv. Increase "Fuel Purchases" from \$125,000. to \$195,000.
  - v. Increase "Overtime-Maintenance" from \$45,000. to \$55,000.
  - vi. Increase WJLD Ad Valorem" from \$5,445,281. to \$5,711,281.
  - vii. Increase WJLD Capital Project Ad Valorem" from \$5,100,00. to \$5,350,000.
  - viii. Decrease "ALD Ad Valorem" from \$2,881,802. to \$2,737,711.
  - ix. Decrease "Permit Fees" from \$30,000. to \$15,000.
  - x. Increase "Sale of Equipment" from \$92,000. to \$117,100.
  - xi. Increase "Plaquemines Parish Cost Share" from \$200,000. to \$270,000.
  - xii. Increase "FEMA Reimbursement" from \$0 to \$78,143.37
  - xiii. Increase "Insurance Claim Reimbursement" from \$0 to \$23,562.37
- The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: None  
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, July 26, 2022, at the Louisiana SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana 4:00 P.M.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:45 P.M.