

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 23, 2024

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 23, 2024 at 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: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, and Mr. Robinson.

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

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, 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 March 26, 2024 regular board meeting.

Ms. Lauren Nash of the National Weather Service briefed the Board on the 2024 National Weather Service Seasonal Hurricane Forecast.

Mr. Cali briefed the Board on the SLFPA-W 2024-2025 Insurance renewal premiums. USI Insurance did not have premium quotes for general liability or excess liability. The Board tabled agenda items 13k: purchase of Excess Liability insurance, and 13l: purchase of General Liability insurance until the May 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

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

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

Mr. Robinson reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Operations and Maintenance Committee meeting during the month of April.

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of April.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, 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, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a contract with Civix for the phase two database update proposal in an amount not to exceed \$105,000.00; 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 vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 refund of the 2021 ad valorem overpayment of \$51,168.34; and the 2022 ad valorem overpayment of \$49,304.08 to PNC Equipment Finance LLC. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-01-Probationary Period as presented with an effective date of April 23, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-02-Attendance & Leave as presented with an effective date of April 23, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-03-Overtime & Compensatory Time as presented with an effective date of April 23, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a contract with Marine Systems Inc. in the amount of \$73,755.00, and a contract with American Machinery Movers, Inc. in the amount of \$66,000.00, to facilitate the removal, repair, and reinstallation of the radiator for a Generator at the Harvey Canal Complex; 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 vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 property – wind only insurance coverage with Citizens Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$33,037.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 property – fire only insurance coverage with Gridiron Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$20,283.23, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 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 May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$207,018.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, 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 May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$51,057.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 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 May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$19,555.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
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 contractors' pollution liability insurance 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 May 1, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$7,737.00, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, May 21, 2024, at the Moreau Center – MC Conference Room– University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Drive, Algiers, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:47 P.M.