

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 14, 2024

The Operations and Maintenance Committee of the SLFPA-W met Tuesday, May 14, 2024, with the following members present: Mr. Robinson, Chairman, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Burke. Mr. Ardoin was absent.

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order in the SLFPA-W Office Commissioners' Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 1:30 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously carried by the members in attendance to approve the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously carried by the members in attendance to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, dated April 9, 2024.

Mr. Noel provided an update on incidents and safety matters.

Mr. Cali updated the Committee on the status of the 2024-2025 SLFPA-W insurance renewals.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee on the status of capital projects.

Mr. Noel presented the Authorization for Expenditure (AFE) worksheets requesting purchase of the following:

Two John Deere 5120M Tractors with extended warranties at a cost not to exceed \$185,000.00.

One Alamo Interstater Flail Mower at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Two replacement Scag Turf Tiger II zero turn mowers, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.

One Ford F-450 Diesel Crew Cab & Chassis with Service Body Pickup Truck to replace unit 1484 (F450 Pickup), at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.

Two Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup Trucks to replace units 1771 (Ford Explorer) and 1884 (Chevrolet Tahoe), at a cost not to exceed \$130,000.00.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Burke, and unanimously carried by the members in attendance to recommend purchase of the above equipment items to the Board for approval, with the provision to review prices of a different series of tractors. Mr. Noel will update the Committee on any changes in tractor purchases.

The proposed AFEs will be motions for approval at the May 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee on the status of Harvey Canal Complex.

Before a discussion of the Engineering Request for Qualifications (RFQ) proposal submission results, Mr. Galloway recused himself from discussion and action on the item. Mr. Cali briefed the Committee on the results of the RFQ proposals. The proposals will be submitted to the Board for approval at the May 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Noel presented the results of bid 308 for Materials and bid 309 for Equipment for the 2024 hurricane season. After discussion it was moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Mr. Burke, and unanimously carried by the members in attendance to award contracts for all items to Beverly Construction Co., LLC, Otwell Services LLC., Pontchartrain Materials Corp., and United Rentals except for the 10,000 cubic yards embankment material for Otwell.

Bid 307, publishing for the Official Journal, for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, will be awarded to The New Orleans Advocate in the amount of \$4.62 per column inch.

Mr. Bordelon led a discussion on the Algiers Canal draft letter.

Mr. Cali briefed the Committee on the upcoming 2024 WJLD Millage adoption scheduled for the June 25, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Cali updated the Committee on the 2024-2026 professional services contract renewals. The proposed contracts will be submitted to the Board for approval at the May 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Cali and Mr. Noel presented the proposed updates to the following SLFPA-W Employee Handbook policies for the Committee's review: #11-04-Call-in; #11-05-Tardiness; #11-06-Unscheduled Absenteeism. The proposed updates to the policies will be submitted to the Administration Committee for review at the May 14, 2024 meeting.

Mr. Bordelon provided an update on legal matters and led a discussion on the governmental consultant proposals. After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously carried by the members in attendance to recommend to the Board authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legislative consultant services with Mercury Public Affairs and Bold Strategies, effective May 21, 2024 – June 30, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00.

Mr. Pickering provided an update on legal matters.

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

The next regularly scheduled Operations and Maintenance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, June 11, 2024, at 1:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 2:59 P.M.