

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, June 25, 2024

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 25, 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, and Mr. Gauthé. Mr. Robinson was absent.

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

It was moved by Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, 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 21, 2024 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Paul Dittman, President of Gulf Intracoastal Canal Association (GICA), gave a presentation on the GICA operations.

Mr. Ryan Daul of USI Insurance briefed the Board on the SLFPA-W 2024-2025 insurance renewals for general and excess liability. The Board reviewed the proposed rates.

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 meeting during the month of June.

The report of the activities, meetings, and issues of the Operations and Maintenance Committee meeting during the month of June was entered into record.

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of June. Mr. Burke discussed the SLFPA-W Strategic Plan development with an emphasis on a five-year outlook. The Strategic Plan will be an item for discussion at the July Committee meetings.

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, 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 2023-2024 audit. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
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 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, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$132,301.83, 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
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
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 excess 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, 2024 to May 1, 2025, in the amount of \$83,488.91, 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
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Ardoin, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve the emergency replacement of the West Closure Complex

Pump 12 aftercooler in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00, 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
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Ardoin, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the results of the solicited quotes and to authorize a contract for Peters Road Stairs Construction with C&C Machine in an amount not to exceed \$98,750.00, 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
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
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 #11-08 Optional Pay, as presented with an effective date of June 25, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
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 #11-10 Recoupments, as presented with an effective date of June 25, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Robinson
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 #11-11 Special Entrance Rate, as presented with an effective date of June 25, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2024, as follows:

- i. Increase “Ad Valorem Taxes” from \$14,250,000. to \$15,029,810.
- ii. Increase “Interest” from \$150,000. to \$186,600.
- iii. Decrease “Permit Fees” from \$30,000. to \$20,000.
- iv. Increase “Misc. Income” from \$10,000. to \$20,000.
- v. Decrease “Sale of Equipment” from \$93,000. to \$70,000.
- vi. Increase “Equipment Parts and Supplies” from \$130,000 to \$145,000.
- vii. Increase “Flood Protection Material & Supplies” from \$125,000 to \$155,000.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, July 30, 2024, 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 5:07 P.M.