

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 30, 2024

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 30, 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. Gauthé, 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 June 25, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Vitter and Ms. Ruckert of Mercury Public Affairs & Bold Strategies briefed the Board on the scope of work Mercury & Bold will employ to support the Authority in communicating its needs at the State and Federal levels to support the SLFPA-W mission. The Board thanked Mr. Vitter and Ms. Ruckert for the presentation.

There were no public comments for the 2024 West Jefferson Levee District Millage adoption.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, for and on behalf of the West Jefferson Levee District, to levy the millage(s) on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

The resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke opened nominations for the election of officers for 2024 – 2026.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Burke as President.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Ms. Foster as Vice-President.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Gauthé as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Burke announced the Committee assignments will remain the same. The Administration Committee: Mr. Gauthé, Chair, Ms. Foster, and Mr. Fogle. The Operations and Maintenance Committee: Mr. Robinson, Chair, Mr. Ardoin, and Mr. Galloway.

Mr. Pickering briefed the Board on the West Jefferson Levee District Millage 2026 renewal election timeline.

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

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

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

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

There were no public comments.

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, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of a new Hagglund's drive motor for the Harvey Canal Sector Gate in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, 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. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a change order to the Prime Controls contract of the West Closure Complex PLC Replacement project to include the installation, configuration, and programming of FactoryTalk Machine Edition on all eleven (11) Pump Unit Control Panel (PUCP) tablets by Prime Controls, in an amount not to exceed \$35,000.00, 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 adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-13 Per Diem as presented with an effective date of July 30, 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 #11-14 Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) as presented with an effective date of July 30, 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 #11-22 Violence Free Workplace as presented with an effective date of July 30, 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 #11-23 Firearms as presented with an effective date of July 30, 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

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 27, 2024, at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

At 4:48 P.M., it was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to enter into Executive Session to discuss annual employment evaluations of Senior Staff pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 42:17 A.(1).

At 6:52 P.M., it was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to exit Executive Session discussion of annual employment evaluations of Senior Staff pursuant to the provisions of La. R.S. 42:17 A.(1).

The agenda being completed, it was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adjourn the meeting at 6:53 P.M.