

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 28, 2020

In accordance Governor Edwards’ Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 97: Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its’ Tuesday, July 28, 2020 board meeting by teleconference.

Pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 97, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its’ Board Meeting via teleconference, otherwise unable to operate due to limitations on public gatherings. To assure quorum requirements during this public health emergency, the SLFPA-W will hold its’ meeting by teleconference.

Public comments will accepted during the teleconference meeting.

To submit a public comment, please submit by email to: publiccomments@slfpaw.org. Please include full name and business/organization represented. Comments received will be read and recorded during the meeting.

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 28, 2020 by teleconference and in person 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. Burke, Mr. Gauthé and Mr. Robinson. Attending by teleconference: Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas.

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien 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 30, 2020 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke introduced Mr. Ronnie Robinson as a new Commissioner on the SLFPA-W Board.

Mr. Pickering administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Burke opened nominations for the election of officers for 2020 – 2022.

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. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Mr. Julien as Vice-President.

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

Mr. Burke announced the Committee assignments. Per SLFPA-W bylaws, as Secretary – Treasurer, Mr. Gauthé remained Chairman of the FALPI Committee. Mr. Burke remained on the FALPI Committee. TOM Committee

assignments: Mr. Julien was appointed Chairman, Mr. Thomas remained on the TOM Committee, and Mr. Robinson was assigned to the TOM Committee.

It was 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 2020 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

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

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANT: 2

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

Mr. Gauthé reported on the activities, meetings and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee during the month of July.

Mr. Julien reported on the activities, meetings and issues of the Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of July.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of July.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial statements as submitted 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. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANT: 2

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson 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 2019-2020 audit. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANT: 2

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Connick and Connick, LLC, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021 and July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022, 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. Burke, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Mr. Thomas
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANT: 2

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to grant Phillips 66 Alliance H2PL, LLC a permanent right of way to install a 12” hydrogen gas line across a portion of the Rathborne mitigation tract in St. Charles Parish as described in “Attachment A”, and to authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents necessary to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: Mr. Thomas
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANT: 2

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 25, 2020, 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 4:19 P.M.