Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)

Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting

Thursday, February 23, 2012

The Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information Committee of the SLFPA-W met on February 23, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Dauphin, chairman, Ms. Maclay, and Mr. Merritt. Also in attendance were: Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Spohrer, Mr. Roark, Mr. Bosch, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, and Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, Ms. Cynthia Wallace, representative from CPRA, and Mayor John I. Shaddinger, Jr., Mayor of the City of Westwego.

Mr. Dauphin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 6:15 pm.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

In public comments, Mayor Shaddinger voiced his concerns about the Company Canal.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated January 19, 2012.

The Committee retired to Executive Session to discuss the following lawsuits: WJLD vs. All State Financial, Choice Property & Advanced Mortgage, WJLD vs. Churchill Farms, and West Jefferson Properties vs. WJLD & LaDODT, and to review the 2011 Attorney’s Litigation Report.

The Committee returned from Executive Session, and Mr. Dauphin reported that no action was taken on West Jefferson Properties vs. WJLD & LaDODT. He further reported that the Committee agreed to authorize settlement of WJLD vs. All Sate Financial, Choice Property & Advanced Mortgage and WJLD vs. Churchill Farms and directed Mr. Pickering to take those actions necessary to settle both cases. Mr. Dauphin announced that he would provide a report of these actions to Mr. Miserendino to present at the next regularly scheduled monthly Board meeting. Mr. Dauphin also reported that no action was taken on the review of the 2011 Attorney’s Litigation Report.

Mr. Spohrer provided an update on the land acquisition spreadsheet. Mr. Spohrer reported that the new MRL/WBV Co-Located Levee project would require the acquisition of a great deal of new land and suggested that the Committee defer the land acquisition work for these projects to CPRA. The Committee directed Mr. Spohrer to meet with Ms. Wallace to discuss this matter and to present the results of their discussions for review by the Committee.

Mr. Bosch presented a review of the check register, budget, and financial statements for SLFPA-W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend for approval by the Board the check register and financial statements.

The Committee decided to schedule a Special Finance, Administrative, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting to review the 2012-2013 Adopted Budget on Thursday, March 1, 2012.

The Committee reviewed and approved travel expense reports for February.

In Other Matters, Ms. Maclay led a discussion on the election of officers. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend for approval by the Board that Mr. Wilkinson serve as Vice President of the Board and that Mr. Viera take Mr. Wilkinson’s place as Chairman of the Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee. The Committee also unanimously agreed to recommend for approval by the Board that Mr. Camnetar, new appointee to the Board of Commissioners, would serve on the FALPI Committee and Mr. Merritt would be moved to the TOM Committee.

Mr. Avant reviewed the 2012 legislation relevant to SLFPA-W and its member districts. No action was taken.

Mr. Miserendino reviewed the Normal/Emergency material bid and the Normal/Emergency Equipment bid. These bids will be discussed again in April.

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion of the Signatory Requirements Resolution. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend for approval by the Board a resolution authorizing Mr. Roark to sign all reports and documents associated with regulatory matters by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), with Mr. Miserendino authorized as a backup.

Mr. Merritt led a discussion on a proposal for sample testing of unsuitable material. After some discussion, the FALPI Committee agreed to defer discussion on funding for the proposal until after the TOM Committee has fully vetted it.

Mr. Dauphin announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, March 22, 2012 at 6:00 pm in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:10 pm.