

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING**

SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room

Regular Board Meeting

7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072

Tuesday, September 29, 2020– 4:00 PM

*(Subject to Change)*

Meeting is Open to the Public

In accordance with Governor Edwards’ Proclamation Number 118 JBE 2020: Renewal of State of Emergency for COVID-19 Extension of Emergency Provisions, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its’ Tuesday, September 29, 2020 Regular Board Meeting in person and by teleconference.

Pursuant to Proclamation Number 118 JBE 2020: the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its’ Regular Board Meeting in person and via teleconference, otherwise unable to operate due to limitations on public gatherings, and to assure quorum requirements during this public health emergency.

Public comments will accepted during the meeting. To submit a public comment, please submit by email before the meeting to: [publiccomments@slfpaw.org](mailto:publiccomments@slfpaw.org). Please include full name. Comments received will be read and recorded during the meeting. The teleconference will be available beginning at 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 29, 2020.

To call in to the meeting: 1-888-585-9008; conference room number: 959-966-430.

**AGENDA**

1. Call to Order – President
2. Roll Call – Secretary
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Agenda Amendments – Commissioners
5. Affirmation of the Agenda – Commissioners
6. Motion to accept and approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 Regular Board Meeting
7. Motion to accept and approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 Special Board Meeting
8. Public Comments (Limited to 2 minutes per person)\*
9. Resolution honoring Mr. John Monzon upon his retirement – Commissioners
10. President’s Report – Mr. Burke
11. Committee and Organizational Reports:
  - a. Mr. Gauthé – Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information

- b. Mr. Julien – Technical, Operations and Maintenance
- 12. Regional Director’s Report – Mr. Cali
- 13. Motions and/or Resolutions:
  - a. Motion by Mr. Gauthé to approve bills for payment for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District.
  - b. Motion by Mr. Gauthé to authorize the Finance Committee Chairman and President to review and approve the 2019-2020 audit of the Authority, and to execute any documents required to evidence Board approval.
  - c. Motion by Mr. Gauthé to purchase three John Deere R15 cutting decks, on state contract, at an amount not to exceed \$21,185.01 each, subject to funding as provided in the 2020-2021 budget, and to authorize the President’s decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly.
  - d. Motion by Mr. Gauthé to purchase three John Deere 5115M tractors, on state contract, at an amount not to exceed \$62,613.82 each, subject to funding as provided in the 2020-2021 budget, and to authorize the President’s decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly.
  - e. Motion by Mr. Gauthé to amend the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Internal Controls Policy #11-37.
- 14. Set time and place of the next meeting:
  - Regular Board Meeting
  - SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room
  - 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072
  - Tuesday, October 27, 2020
  - 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM
- 15. Adjournment

**NOTE:** In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance, please contact 504.340.0318, describing the assistance that is necessary.

**\*NOTE:** To submit a public comment, please submit by email to: publiccomments@slfpaw.org.

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Sandy Sever  
(Name of Authorized Person)  
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Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West  
(Name of Taxing District)  
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### **Certification of Inability to Operate Due to Lack of Quorum**


In accordance with R.S. 42:17.1, this notice shall serve as certification of the SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST's (SLFPA-W) inability to otherwise operate in accordance with the Louisiana Open Meetings Law due to such a meeting being detrimental to the health, safety, and/or welfare of the public as a result of the public health emergency, as declared by Governor John Bel Edwards on March 11, 2020 by JBE 2020-25.

The SLFPA-W will provide for attendance at its essential government meeting on 9-29-2020 in person and via telephone conference because it is otherwise unable to obtain a quorum. It is essential that the SLFPA-W continue to operate because the SLFPA-W protects the citizens and businesses of the West Bank of the Greater New Orleans area in Jefferson and Orleans parishes from hurricanes and riverine flooding by daily operations, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement (OMRR&R) of the levees, floodwalls and floodgates, sector gates and pump stations (33 miles of Mississippi River protection and 47 miles of hurricane protection).

Considering the foregoing, and in accordance with R.S. 42:17:1 and JBE 2020-25, the SLFPA-W meeting on 9-29-2020 at 4:00 P.M. will be held in person and via telephone conference, and in a manner that will allow for observation and input by members of the public, as set forth in the notice posted on 9-28-2020.

The meeting may be attended at 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072. Members of the public may submit public comment on an agenda item by sending an email to [publiccomments@sfpaw.org](mailto:publiccomments@sfpaw.org) or calling: 1-888-585-9008; and using conference room number: 959-966-430 at 4:00 P.M. All public comments will be properly identified and acknowledged, read aloud, and recorded during the meeting.

Certified this 28<sup>th</sup> day of September 2020



Nicholas P. Cali,  
Regional Director