

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 31, 2018

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:30 P.M. on Tuesday, July 31, 2018 at the Algiers Auditorium, 2485 Guadalcanal Street, Algiers, Louisiana.

Mr. Wilkinson called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Burke to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson.

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

It unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 26, 2018 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

It was moved and approved by unanimous acclamation of the Commissioners in attendance to recognize Mr. Chris Muscarello as the recipient of the Gerald A. “Jerry” Spohrer Memorial Award for Excellence in recognition of his outstanding service to the Authority from April 2017 to March 2018.

Mr. Wilkinson introduced Mr. Stephen Gauthé as a new Commissioner on the SLFPA-W Board.

Mr. Avant administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Gauthé.

Mr. Wilkinson opened nominations for the election of officers for 2018 – 2020.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Mr. Burke as President.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Wilkinson as Vice-President.

It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Mr. Gaddy as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Burke announced the Committee assignments. Per SLFPA-W bylaws, as Secretary – Treasurer, Mr. Gaddy became Chairman of the FALPI Committee. Mr. Burke remained on the FALPI Committee, and Mr. Gauthé was assigned to the FALPI Committee. TOM Committee assignments: Dr. Valent was appointed Chairman, Mr. Wilkinson remained on the TOM Committee, and Mr. Thomas was assigned to the TOM Committee.

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

Mr. Gaddy 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. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gaddy 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 and its member districts. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize and direct the Secretary to execute an authentic act evidencing the delegation of appointing authority status to Scott M. Burke in his capacity as President. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to negotiate and execute the Walker Road Property Transfer Agreement by and between Plaquemines Parish and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the updates to the Rewards and Recognition Policy #11-09 as required by Louisiana State Civil Service. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the updates to the Hiring Rate for Extraordinary Qualifications Policy #11-12 as required by Louisiana State Civil Service. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept the updates to the Special Entrance Rate Policy #11-11 as required by Louisiana State Civil Service. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the 2018-2019 Professional Services Agreement with AIMS Group Inc. by an increase of \$175,000.00 for Construction Administration of the WBV 14b.2 project (levee lift from Orleans Village to Oak Cove) and to authorize the President's decision 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. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the 2018-2019 Professional Services Agreement with Evans-Graves Engineers Inc. by an increase of \$100,000.00 for Construction Administration of the WBV 14c.2 project (levee lift from Bayou Segnette to Orleans Village) and to authorize the President's decision 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. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the 2018-2019 Professional Services Agreement with Digital Engineering Inc. by an increase of \$100,000.00 for the ongoing Construction Administration of the WBV 15a.2 project (levee lift from Lake Cataouatche P.S. to Bayou Segnette State Park) and the WBV 18.2 project (Lake Cataouatche P.S. to Hwy 90 in Avondale) and to authorize the President's decision 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. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to negotiate a contract for audit/accounting support for two fiscal years with Paul Rivera, CPA, in an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019 and July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020, 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. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to allow the Regional Director to proceed with repairs and retrofit of trash rake components at the West Closure Complex. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to allow the President to negotiate merit adjustments with unclassified employees. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced that the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, on Tuesday, August 28, 2018, at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Thomas requested that the TOM and FALPI meeting times be discussed in August committee meetings.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:18 P.M.

Scott M. Burke, President

Kendall A. Gaddy, Secretary – Treasurer