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

Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information Committee Meeting

Thursday, October 13, 2016

The Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Thursday, October 13, 2016, with the following members present: Mr. Dauphin, chairman, and Mr. Thomas. Ms. Maclay was absent. Staff present were: Ms. Mann, Mr. Monzon, and Mr. Noel. Also in attendance were: Mr. Avant, Ms. Olver, Mr. Bordelon, Mr. Vorhoff, and Mr. Pickering.

Mr. Dauphin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA–W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:00 P.M.

Mr. Pickering requested adding two new items below agenda 6; Ad Valorem 2017 as 6g and safety and disciplinary policies as 6h. Mr. Dauphin moved, and Mr. Thomas seconded. The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and approved the minutes from the previous meeting dated September 13, 2016. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Dauphin seconded, and the Committee members approved the minutes.

Mr. Noel presented the check register for SLFPA – W and its member levee districts. The Committee recommended approval by the Board.

Mr. Noel provided an update on the current budget. Staff will update the Committee at next month’s meeting. The Committee recommended approval by the Board.

Mr. Noel gave an update of the financial statements for SLFPA – W and its member levee districts. The Committee recommended approval by the Board.

There were no travel expense reports for the Committee to review.

Mr. Monzon provided an update regarding the West Closure Complex (WCC) staffing and insurance status.

There was no legislative update.

Mr. Pickering reviewed an Offer to Purchase a Limited Tax Certificate of Indebtedness from Whitney Bank in the amount of $7,500,000. This bond will provide funds for the construction of levee lifts in the West Jefferson Levee District, and for purchasing insurance for these projects. It will be for a 20 year term, at an approximate rate of 2.8% with no prepayment penalty. Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Dauphin seconded, and the Committee agreed to recommend passing a resolution for preliminary approval at the October Board Meeting.

There was no right of entry report.

Mr. Bordelon reported on a potential real estate transfer to the Parish of Jefferson. After discussion, Mr. Thomas moved, Mr. Dauphin seconded, and the Committee recommended the Board pass a resolution for this transfer.

Mr. Monzon led a discussion on Mr. Merritt’s request for a geological and geophysical analysis on the levees to help SLFPA-W understand geological impacts which must be taken into consideration to reduce levee operations and maintenance cost while increasing the survivability of the flood control system. No action was taken.

During the discussion of Ad Valorem 2017, Mr. Pickering presented the Committee a Tentative Schedule of Events for the Election. The Committee agreed to recommend the Board begin preparations for requesting a millage increase for Jefferson Parish in November, 2017.

Mr. Noel gave an update on the safety and disciplinary policies. The Committee agreed to discuss the Safety Policy at the next Board Meeting, with a vote for implementation at a future Board meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a Director’s report of his activities for the previous month and informed the Committee of pending issues.

Mr. Dauphin announced that the next meeting is Monday November 7, 2016 at 6:00 P.M. It will be held in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:14 P.M.