

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Wednesday, April 16, 2014

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on Wednesday, April 16, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, chairman, and Mr. Dauphin. Also in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Roark, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, and Mr. Ryan Daul from Daul Insurance.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:00 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

In Public Comments, Mr. John Schmidt gave a presentation on his proposed plan to deal with the feral hogs on the levee. The Committee invited him to present this proposal to the Board and the Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee for their consideration.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated March 18, 2014.

Mr. Daul discussed the renewal of insurance policies for 2014-2015. He also presented information on the insurance increase due to the 2012-2013 insurance audit. The Committee proposed to amend the budget to increase the general liability insurance line item. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this action for approval by the Board.

Mr. Avant led a discussion on recent bills proposed by the state legislature and the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statements for SLFPA-W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these reports for approval by the Board.

Mr. Bosch presented the 2014 proposed amended budget. Mr. Roark discussed the need to replace outdated computer equipment. The Committee proposed to amend the budget to move money out of the equipment and computer consultants budget line items and transfer it to the communication equipment budget line item. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this action for approval by the Board.

Mr. Bosch also presented his analysis on yearly budget management and an executive summary report. He will continue to update the Committee at every monthly meeting.

The Committee reviewed Commissioners' expense reports, and approved them for payment.

Ms. Ford announced that the adoption of the annual millage rate(s) will be held at the May 29, 2014 Board meeting, which will take place in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road Marrero, LA at 5:30 PM.

Mr. Roark gave a presentation on bids received for supplies and materials and equipment rental. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these bids for approval by the Board.

Mr. Roark led a discussion on the proposed purchase of a 15-passenger van and a heavy duty crane. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these purchases for approval by the Board.

Mr. Roark then led a discussion on the proposed purchase of iPads with protective cases. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this purchase for approval by the Board.

Ms. Ford updated the Committee on the Employee Recognition Program.

Col. Fogle updated the Committee on the proposed fee schedule for permitting various types of activities on the levees within SLFPA-W's jurisdiction. The Committee requested that Col. Fogle present this information to the TOM Committee prior to next month's Board meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this schedule for approval by the Board.

Col. Fogle gave an update on armoring status and issues. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle updated the Committee on the status of SLFPA-W's emergency and high water preparedness. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting. The Committee requested that Mr. Strong prepare a presentation on marine traffic for the next Board meeting.

Col. Fogle gave a summary of the West Bank Hydraulic Balance meeting held by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. The Committee unanimously agreed to present this information to the Board.

Col. Fogle and Mr. Roark provided a status update regarding feral hogs on the levee. They will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle presented a proposed change to the scheduled dates of FALPI Committee meetings. The Committee unanimously agreed to implement the new meeting schedule.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioner's meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:26 PM.