

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, February 26, 2014

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:41 PM on Wednesday, February 26, 2014 in the Moreau Center at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70131.

Ms. Maclay called the meeting to order and directed Mr. Camnetar to call the roll.

In attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera and Mr. Wilkinson. Also in attendance were: Ms. Ford, Mr. Bosch, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, and Mr. Avant, legal counsel.

Ms. Maclay led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Dauphin and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the January 31, 2014 meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda.

There were no public comments.

It was moved and seconded by the unanimous acclamation of the Commissioners in attendance to formally recognize Mr. Garret Graves for his service as Chairman of the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority.

Ms. Maclay reported on her activities during the month of February. She reported that she had assigned Mr. Viera to take the lead on the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) and that she and Mr. Dauphin would support his efforts. Ms. Maclay also announced that Mr. Merritt had been removed as a member of the FALPI committee and that the committee would consist only of Mr. Camnetar and Mr. Dauphin until further notice. She stated that Mr. Merritt was being reassigned to work on emerging technologies, and that Mr. Gaddy has been asked to consider joining him in these efforts, forming an emerging technologies committee with Mr. Merritt as chair. Ms. Maclay further reported that she would be attending the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee meeting on February 28, 2014, and that as the newly appointed ALBL legislative committee co-chair she would be on the front lines of legislative issues. She then asked Mr. Avant to brief the Board on bills of interest that had been filed, which he proceeded to do.

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

Mr. Viera reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of February.

Mr. Viera reported on the activities, meetings, and issues related to the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement during the month of February.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by 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.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to increase the budget for human resources consulting services to be performed by Dee Everett from \$10,000.00 to \$20,000.00.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract with a public information firm, at an amount not to exceed \$25,000.00, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to authorize attendance for Commissioners and key staff at the 29th Annual Workshop of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, May 1-2, 2014, at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by Commissioners in attendance to thank Commissioner Michael L. Merritt for his hard work as a temporary delegated appointed authority and to terminate his delegated appointing authority status effective immediately upon adoption of this motion of the Board.

It was moved and seconded by the unanimous acclamation of the Commissioners in attendance to formally recognize Commissioner Michael Louis Merritt for his service during the period of time spanning October 2011 through August 2012 as the SLFPA-W representative and subject matter expert on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Tiger Team to investigate issues pertinent to WBV-14c.2 and as appointing authority during the period of time spanning December 2013 through February 2014.

Ms. Maclay led a discussion on strategic planning. The Board requested Col. Fogle provide them with a snapshot of where we are at today, a schedule/timeline for conducting the strategic plan, and a summary of organizational roles and responsibilities.

Ms. Maclay announced the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, 70072, on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:07 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer