

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Thursday, July 22, 2021

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Thursday, July 22, 2021 at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

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

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, and Mr. Thomas. Ms. Foster was absent.

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

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 29, 2021 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke presented the President’s report for the month of July.

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

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

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of July. Mr. Burke requested an update on the extension of the all-weather access road from Robinson Avenue to Harvey Park. Mr. Cali and Mr. Noel will provide an update on the project funding and scope of work at the August 10, 2021 SLFPA-W TOM and FALPI Committee meetings.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

- YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
- NAYS: None
- ABSTAINED: None
- ABSENT: Ms. Foster
- RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the Compliance Questionnaire for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, and to evidence that approval by its execution, by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, all in connection with the 2020-2021 audit. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of the Dell EMC AX-640 system, not to exceed \$100,000., subject to funding as provided in the 2021-2022 budget. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the following equipment replacement purchases, subject to funding as provided in the 2021-2022 budget:

- i. John Deere 5115M Tractor with an Alamo Interstater Flail Mower, not to exceed \$135,000.
- ii. 2 John Deere 5115M Tractors with R15 Flex Wing Rotary Cutters, not to exceed \$180,000.
- iii. 2 Chevrolet Silverado SSV Pickup Trucks, not to exceed \$70,000.
- iv. 2 Interstate 40TDL Tilt Top Trailers, not to exceed \$60,000. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Julien, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a task order with Dufrene Surveying & Engineering for land surveying services for the Mississippi River Levee (MRL) and Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) in an amount not to exceed \$47,000., and to modify the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 31, 2021, at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:21 P.M.