Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)

Technical, Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Monday, January 23, 2012

The Technical, Operations and Maintenance Committee of the SLFPA-W met on January 23, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Wilkinson, chairman, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Viera. Also in attendance were Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Caluda, Dr. Westerink, and representatives from USACE.

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order in the Regional Director’s room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 3:00 pm.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no comments from the public.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous regular meeting dated December 19, 2011.

Mr. Wagner provided an update on the keel coolers for WBV-90 and the process of testing the keel coolers. In the process of testing the keel coolers, the Committee requested that Mr. Miserendino communicate frequently with USACE and asked administration to keep this item on the agenda, providing an updated report each month.

Mr. Miserendino gave a report on the operation and maintenance of the 15-ft vegetative-free-zone/floodside berm at the 404c site and led a discussion on USACE’s plans for maintenance and citizens’ concerns regarding these plans. The Committee unanimously agreed to continue the discussion at the next meeting and place this item on the agenda for next month.

Mr. Roark gave a PowerPoint presentation on WBV-33 listing several issues. Regular updates on this situation will be presented in future meetings.

Mr. Miserendino gave a brief update on test sampling of unsuitable material retrieved from trenching activities at WBV 14c.2 and explained that it would be going under pre-final inspection next week. Mr. Morgan stated that Tiger Team would have their report prepared next month. Mr. Wagner then stated that USACE will give their decision as to whether or not they believe action is necessary after receiving the reports on testing.

Mr. Miserendino presented a draft report on USACE’s follow up response to WBV 14d.2. The Committee unanimously agreed to address the listed concerns with USACE’s response at a special meeting to take place next week.

Mr. Viera gave an overview of JM Drake’s presentation to the Society of Civil Engineers for the State of Louisiana to recruit qualified board members.

There were no other matters of discussion.

Mr. Wilkinson announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3:00 pm in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 pm.