

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Thursday, February 20, 2014

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Thursday, February 20, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were: Mr. Forrester, Mr. Strong, Mr. Bosch, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Caluda, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Connell, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), Mr. Rung, FDH Engineering, Inc. (FDH), and Mr. Monzon, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA).

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Board Room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:36 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated January 14, 2014.

Mr. Rung presented a proposal from FDH. After discussion, Mr. Viera requested that Mr. Rung continue working on this proposal with Col. Fogle.

Col. Fogle gave a Powerpoint presentation on armoring status and issues. Mr. Monzon then updated the Committee on CPRA's interactions with USACE regarding armoring. After discussion, Mr. Viera requested that Mr. Monzon continue working on this issue with Col. Fogle.

Mr. Monzon announced that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) had accepted certification from USACE. After the FEMA discussion, Mr. Monzon briefed the Committee on the status of the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA). Mr. Viera will remain in contact with Mr. Monzon regarding the status of the IGA.

Mr. Caluda updated the Committee on progress with the Western Closure Complex, WBV 16.2 pump station, and other project outstanding issues requiring follow-up. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle continued his Powerpoint presentation and updated the Committee on emergency and high water preparedness. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Connell updated the Committee on the status of the West Bank Hydraulic Balance. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Strong updated the Committee on the Safety Program. Mr. Strong will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Forrester led a discussion on the feral hog infestation and stated that he has not heard back from the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA). Col. Fogle reviewed several alternative options for dealing with the hog infestation. Mr. Forrester will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Forrester updated the Committee on the status of the building renovations. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Forrester updated the Committee on the Brooklyn facility. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2014 at 2:30 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 4:17 PM.