

INTERIM EMERGENCY BOARD

Minutes of Meeting February 21, 2013

A public meeting of the Interim Emergency Board was held in House Committee Room 6 on February 21, 2013, at 9:00 a.m.

ITEM NO. 1

Sen. John Alario, board chair, called the meeting to order at 9:00am and asked that the secretary call the roll.

Present:

Sen. John Alario, President of the Senate and Chairman
Rep. Chuck Kleckley, Speaker of the House of Representatives and Vice Chair
Ms. Kristy Nichols, Commissioner of Administration
Sen. Jack Donahue, Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee
Rep. Jim Fannin, Chairman of House Appropriations Committee
Mr. Randy Davis, proxy for Lt. Governor Jay Dardenne

Sen. Alario said he understood that the Division of Administration had three items to add to the day's agenda and asked Mr. John Davis, Director of Facility Planning & Control (FP&C), to come forward. The three items Mr. Davis requested to be added were:

- Secretary of State, Chennault Aviation and Military Museum Hangar Building and Equipment, Planning and Construction
- Louisiana State University – Alexandria, Drainage Outfall Improvements (Rapides)
- Jefferson Parish, Bayou Segnette Sports Complex Improvements, Including Hall B Expansion, Planning and Construction (Jefferson)

Rep. Fannin moved to add the three items to the agenda; second by Sen. Donahue. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 2

At its October 30, 2012, meeting, the board approved two funding requests totaling \$746,684 and scope changes to four projects in Act 23 of 2012. The required legislative ratification was given to all items. Sen. Alario called for a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting of October 30, 2012. Sen. Donahue moved to approve; second by Rep. Fannin. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 3

Ms. Israel reported a beginning fund balance of \$21,770,940 at July 1, 2012, less \$40,030 for the IEB budget and \$746,684 that was appropriated at the October 30, 2012, meeting, leaving a \$20,984,226 balance of funds available. Items to be heard at this meeting included 20 requests for priority changes to the current capital outlay bill, two scope changes to prior capital outlay bills, and four scope changes to the current capital outlay bill.

ITEM NOS. 4-23

Mr. Davis explained that items 4 through 23 were all requests for priority changes for projects included in Act 23 of 2012. The Capital Outlay Act has priority 1, 2, and 5 appropriations, and not all priority 2 appropriations were granted cash lines of credit. These projects received lines of credit either in priority 1 or priority 5, but have not received all or some of the priority 2. Mr. Davis recommended that the specified priority 2 funding on the 20 priority change requests be moved to priority 5 in order to make them eligible for a non-cash line of credit. Sen. Donahue moved to approve items 4-23 as requested; second by Mr. Henson. The motion passed with no objections.

ITEM NO. 24

The City of Leesville submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$120,000 General Fund Direct for Industrial Park, Phase II, Planning and Construction (Vernon) be adjusted according to the provisions of Act 766 of 2001 to revise the project description to include renovations to Building B, which was built about 12 to 14 years ago. Mr. Davis recommended approval as requested. Rep. Fannin moved to approve; second by Rep. Kleckley. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 25

The Pointe Coupee Parish Police Jury – Facility Planning and Control submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project Pointe Coupee Sheriff Office Release Program (Pointe Coupee) be adjusted according to the provisions of Act 766 of 2001 to revise the project description to change “Release Program” to “Civil Office Program.” Mr. Davis explained that the Sheriff’s Office had some changes in how its work release program was being delivered, and as a result, they don’t need the second phase in their work release facility and thus would like to change the description to “Civil Office Program.” Mr. Davis recommended the scope change as requested. Mr. Henson moved approval; second by Rep. Kleckley. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 26

The Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government (TPCG) submitted a request to change the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$845,000 Priority 1 general obligation bonds for Bayou Terrebonne Boardwalk, Planning and Construction be adjusted according to the provisions of Act 766 of 2001 to revise the project description to include a pedestrian bridge across Bayou Terrebonne at Grinage Street. Mr. Davis explained this project consisted of multiple phases. The first phase has been built, and there is money remaining that the TPCG would like to use to construct a bridge across Bayou Terrebonne, which would eventually tie into the Boardwalk, which ties into phase 3. Mr. Davis recommended the scope change as requested. Sen. Donahue moved approval; second by Rep. Kleckley. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 27

The Town of Brusly submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$350,000 from Priority 1 and \$2,180,000 from Priority 5 general obligation bonds for New Police Department Headquarters & Subdistrict #2 Fire Station of the Town of Brusly be adjusted according to the provisions of Act 766 of 2001 to revise the project description in order to separate the police maintenance facility, material storage, and annex buildings from the main police station. Mr. Davis explained that the scope currently specifies construction of a single facility that would house the police and Fire District No. 2. The TPCG now would like to have multiple buildings for the police department and the fire district, which would not change the cost of the project. Mr. Davis recommended approval. Rep. Kleckley moved approval; second by Rep. Fannin. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 28

The Plaquemines Parish Law Enforcement District submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$1,815,000 Priority 1 and \$60,000 Priority 2 Cash Line of Credit for the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office be adjusted according to the provisions of Act 766 of 2001 to revise the project description from acquisition and construction of a building at 9567 Highway 23 for administration offices and training facility for the Plaquemines Parish Sheriff's Office to renovation of a building located at 8018 Highway 23 Belle Chasse, Louisiana for the same purpose. Mr. Davis said the law enforcement district would like to acquire an existing building rather than construct a new building. He said FP&C doesn't believe the request necessitates a scope change, but the entity would like to do so. In order to accommodate the wishes of the district, Mr. Davis said he was recommending approval. Sen. Alario asked Mr. Davis if he thought in an abundance of caution the scope change should be approved, to which Mr. Davis answered yes. Rep. Fannin moved for approval; second by Rep. Kleckley. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 29

The Kingsley House submitted a request that in the scope description of its project in the amount of \$15,000 Priority 1, \$100,000 Priority 2, and \$3,965,000 Priority 5 general obligation bonds to revise the project description from “Kingsley House Renovations, New Construction, & Major Repairs” to “Kingsley House Property Acquisition, Renovations, New Construction & Major Repairs.” Mr. Davis explained this was a capital outlay request for some major repairs and they would also like to build a new senior center. They would need to acquire the land on which to build the new center. Mr. Davis recommended an expansion of the scope to allow acquisition of the land, which will not require any additional funds. Mr. Henson moved approval; second by Rep. Fannin. The motion passed with no objection.

Rep. Kleckley requested a return to Item No. 5 on the agenda, which was a priority change request for the Port of Lake Charles Access Road, Planning and Construction.

Rep. Kleckley asked Mr. Davis to explain why the money for this project was being taken from Priority 2 and moved to Priority 5. Mr. Davis said it was his understanding that the cash is not needed this fiscal year, but it is needed to get the project done. Priority 2 has a finite limit, and that limit has been met. Rep. Kleckley asked if the money were needed this year, would it be available next year or the following year if it is needed at that time. Mr. Davis said that the plan right now is to move the funds to Priority 5 and ask for a non-cash line of credit so that it would be available and eligible to move to cash as needed. Sen. Alario asked if the money would still be available to complete the project, to which Mr. Davis answered yes.

With Rep. Kleckley’s questions answered, Sen. Alario returned to the agenda.

ITEM NO. 30

The Secretary of State submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$260,000 in Priority 1 general obligation bond funding and authorized \$50,000 of Priority 2 general obligation bond funding for the Chennault Aviation and Military Museum Hangar Building and Equipment, Planning and Construction be adjusted according to the provisions of R.S. 39:461.9 to clarify that the scope includes a new exhibit and exhibit improvements that could be moved to the hangar when completed. Mr. Davis said he was also requesting approval through an abundance of caution. He said this request includes doing some new exhibits inside the building and later moving them to a hangar. Rep. Fannin moved approval; second by Mr. Henson. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 31

Louisiana State University – Alexandria submitted a request that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$500,000 Priority 1 general obligation bond funding for the Drainage Outfall Improvements (Rapides) be adjusted according to the provisions of R.S. 39:461.9 to include the planning and design of subsurface draining and road repair and replacement planned in conjunction with the installation of said

drainage. Mr. Davis explained that the original project was to construct drainage improvements, which were done. There are funds remaining that the university would like to use to start designing street and other drainage improvements on campus. Mr. Davis recommended approval. Rep. Fannin moved approval; second by Sen. Donahue. The motion passed with no objection.

ITEM NO. 32

Jefferson Parish requested that the scope of the description of its project in the amount of \$6,695,000 in Priority 1, \$4,500,000 in Priority 2, and \$1,500,000 in Priority 5 general obligation bond funding for Bayou Segnette Sports Complex Improvements, Including Hall B Expansion, Planning and Construction (Jefferson) be adjusted according to the provisions of R.S. 39:461.9 to change the entity from 19/602 Jefferson Parish to 01/124 Louisiana Stadium and Exposition District (LSED). LSED is contracted to manage the sports complex, and so this change would permit them to manage the project as well. Mr. Davis said there was no cost involved and no scope change other than the entity change, which he said he was recommending. Mr. Henson moved approval; second by Rep. Fannin. The motion passed with no objection.

With no further business to conduct, at 9:12am Sen. Donahue motioned that the meeting be adjourned by acclamation.

Respectfully submitted,



Sue Israel, Secretary

Attachments: Capital Outlay documentation (72 pages)