

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2025

The Operations and Maintenance Committee of the SLFPA-W met Tuesday, May 13, 2025, with the following members present: Mr. Robinson, Chairman, and Mr. Galloway. Mr. Ardoin was absent.

Mr. Robinson called the meeting to order in the SLFPA-W Office Commissioners' Meeting Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 1:30 P.M.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to approve the minutes from the previous meeting, dated April 8, 2025. The motion was approved by unanimous vote.

Mr. Bergeron provided an update on safety matters.

Mr. Noel briefed the Committee on the Environmental Services Request for Qualifications (RFQ) Committee selection results. After discussion, Mr. Robinson recommended the selection of ELOS Environmental LLC for an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity Environmental Services contract in accordance with RFQ No. 1-2025 for approval at the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting.

Mr. Noel presented the results of bid 312 for Materials and bid 313 for Equipment Rental for the 2025 hurricane season.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to award bid 312 Materials contracts for all items to Beverly Construction Co., LLC, and Otwell Trucking LLC. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to award bid 313 Equipment rental contracts for all items to Beverly Construction Co., LLC, and Otwell Services LLC. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

Bid 311, publishing for the Official Journal, for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, will be awarded to The New Orleans Advocate in the amount of \$4.62 per column inch.

Mr. Noel said he had not received a revised HNTB – SLFPA-W Crediting Package Task Order. He requested an amended proposal from HNTB for project specific design and construction packages. The requested amended task order will be an item on the June 10, 2025 O&M Committee agenda.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee on the Digital Engineering and Imaging Inc. proposal for the Peters Road Drainage Inspection Task Order. After review, it was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend a task order for Digital Engineering and Imaging Inc. for

the Peters Road Drainage Inspection in an amount not to exceed \$102,700.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

Mr. Noel led a discussion with the Committee on the proposed Western Tie in levee lift. After discussion, the committee concurred with Mr. Noel's recommendation that the Authority pursue a 15.5-foot levee lift height.

Mr. Noel briefed the Committee on the proposed 2025 System Survey for the Mississippi River Mainline Levee (MRL) and the Hurricane & Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend a task order with Dufrene Surveying and Engineering Inc. to perform a SLFPA-W System Survey in an amount not to exceed \$122,000.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

Mr. Noel presented the Authorization for Expenditures (AFE) for approval. After discussion, the following motions were made:

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend the purchase of one (1) replacement Kenworth 14-yard dump truck with an extended warranty in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend the purchase of three (3) replacement John Deere 5120M replacement tractors with extended warranties in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend the purchase of one (1) replacement T86 T4 Bobcat Compact Track Loader with 2 year/ 2000 hours warranty in an amount not to exceed \$120,000.00, and to amend the budget accordingly to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend the purchase of three (3) replacement Scag Turf Tiger II mowers in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson and seconded by Mr. Galloway to recommend the purchase of one (1) replacement Bobcat Skid Steer Mulcher attachment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00 to the Board for approval. The motion was approved by unanimous vote and will be an item on the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting agenda.

Mr. Bordelon briefed the Committee on the attorneys contract renewals procedure for the 2025-2026 fiscal year. The proposed renewals will be items for approval at the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee on the West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) proposed roll forward millage which will be an item for approval at the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting. He presented the proposed public education strategy for the 2026 millage renewal election. A contract proposal with BDPC LLC from June 1, 2025 until May 31, 2026 will be presented at the May 13, 2025 Administration Committee meeting for review.

Mr. Noel presented the following SLFPA-W Employee Handbook policy to the Committee for review: #11-26 Information Technology Usage Policy, as presented with an effective date of May 27, 2025. The updated policy will be an item for approval at the May 27, 2025 regular board meeting.

Mr. Noel updated the Committee on the results of the 2025-2026 Strategic Plan Objective tracker.

Mr. Bordelon provided legal updates.

Mr. Robinson called for a recess at 3:05 P.M. The Committee reconvened at 3:10 P.M.

Mr. Noel presented the Director's report, executive project tracking list, and capital projects list for the month of May.

The next regularly scheduled Operations and Maintenance Committee meeting will be held Tuesday, June 10, 2025, at 1:30 P.M. in the Commissioners' Meeting Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:25 P.M.