

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST BANK (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, February 24, 2026

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, February 24, 2026 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: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Robinson.

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 January 27, 2026 regular board meeting.

Mr. Burke opened the Public Hearing at 4:01 P.M.

There were no public comments for the Public Hearing.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution to authorize the levy and collection of a special tax of four and seventy-five hundredths (4.75) mills (the "Tax") on the dollar of assessed valuation of all the property situated within the limits of the West Jefferson Levee District, State of Louisiana (the "District") for a period of ten (10) years, beginning with the year 2028 and ending with the year 2037, such tax having been authorized to be imposed, levied and collected at an election held in the District on November 15, 2025. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

Mr. Burke closed the Public Hearing at 4:03 P.M. and opened the Public Meeting.

There were no public comments for the Public Meeting.

Mr. Burke gave the President's Report for the month of February.

Mr. Gauthé reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Administration Committee during the month of February.

Mr. Robinson reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Operations and Maintenance Committee during the month of February.

Mr. Noel presented the Regional Director's Report for the month of February.

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

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 to increase "Public Information" by \$150,000.00. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize adoption of the Design Agreement for the West Bank and Vicinity Levee Lift Program with a Non-Federal Sponsor cost share not to exceed \$1,615,385.00 between the Department of the Army, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, the Lafourche Basin Conservation Levee and Drainage District, and Plaquemines Parish Government; and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve ELOS Task Order #5: to provide Intermediate Vegetation Success, gapping and invasive species monitoring and reporting for the JELA Swamp Mitigation Project as part of the WBV Mitigation Program in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00; and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: Mr. Galloway
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to enter into a three-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) between the Parish of Jefferson and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-West (SLFPA-W), whereby SLFPA-W will maintain the grass at the Fire Training Facility located in Bridge City in exchange for first-aid and fire protection training for SLFPA-W employees; and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of a new Hagglund's drive motor for the Harvey Canal Sector Gate in an amount not to exceed \$55,000.00; and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract

for legal services for one fiscal year with Owen J. Bordelon, at an amount not to exceed \$150,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for one fiscal year with Connick and Connick, LLC, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for one fiscal year with Pickering and Cotogno, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2026 – June 30, 2027, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANY: One (1)

Mr. Burke announced the next public hearing and regular board meeting of the Authority are to be held Tuesday, March 24, 2026 at 4:00 P.M., at the Moreau Center – MC Conference Room – University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Drive, Algiers, Louisiana.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:32 P.M.