

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 27, 2021

In accordance with R.S. 42:17:1 and JBE 2020-25, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Tuesday, April 27, 2021 Regular Board Meeting in person and by teleconference.

Pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020-25, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Regular Board Meeting in person and via teleconference, otherwise unable to operate due to limitations on public gatherings, and to assure quorum requirements during this public health emergency. Public comments will accepted during the teleconference meeting.

To submit a public comment, please submit by email to: publiccomments@slfpaw.org. Please include full name and business/organization represented. Comments received will be read and recorded during the meeting.

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, April 27, 2021 by teleconference and in person in 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, 7001 River Road: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé and Mr. Robinson. Attending by teleconference: Mr. Julien and Mr. Thomas.

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 March 30, 2021 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Scott Kirkpatrick of the Association of Levee Boards (ALBL) gave a presentation on bills in the current Louisiana Legislative session, and the possible impacts on levee districts. Mr. Burke led a discussion on the House and Senate bills.

Mr. Jeff Varisco, Senior Project manager, of the United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) New Orleans District, gave a presentation on current Mississippi River & Tributaries (MR&T) and Mississippi River levees (MRL) construction, and future projects.

Ms. Sarah Stone, P.E., Emergency Management Office, at the USACE New Orleans District, gave a presentation on the 2021 MR&T Flood Fight project overview.

Mr. Burke led a discussion on future projects and impacts to SLFPA-W.

It was unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, for and on behalf of the West Jefferson Levee District, to levy the millage(s) on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke presented the President's report for the month of April. Mr. Burke announced in accordance with the Governor's latest proclamation, 79 JBE -2021, all SLFPA-W open meetings will be conducted in person only.

Mr. Gauthé reported on the activities, meetings and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee during the month of April.

Mr. Julien reported on the activities, meetings and issues of the Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of April.

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director's report for the month of April.

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

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, May 25, 2021, at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:11 P.M.