

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST BANK (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, April 28, 2026

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, April 28, 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, and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Galloway arrived at 4:02 P.M. Mr. Kirkland was absent.

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 24, 2026 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, for and on behalf of the West Jefferson Levee District, to levy the millage(s) on the 2026 tax roll on all property subject to taxation.

The resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following roll call vote:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Galloway, Mr. Kirkland

RECUSED: None

Phil Grisby of the National Weather Service briefed the Board on the 2026 National Weather Service Seasonal Hurricane Forecast.

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

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

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

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

Mr. Ryan Daul of USI Insurance briefed the Board on the 2026 Insurance Renewal rates.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial statements as submitted 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase general liability insurance coverage with Lloyd's of London for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$ 162,217.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase excess liability insurance coverage with Lloyd's of London for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$100,032.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase property insurance

coverage including Wind and All Other Perils (AOP) with a 2% deductible with RT Specialty Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in an amount not to exceed \$35,500.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase business auto insurance coverage with Houston Casualty Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$199,711.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase worker’s compensation insurance coverage with LUBA Casualty Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$42,976.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase professional liability insurance coverage with Indian Harbor Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$24,164.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to purchase contractors' pollution liability insurance coverage with Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Company for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District, for the period from May 1, 2026 to May 1, 2027, in the amount of \$8,871.00; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the Non-Federal Sponsor Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between 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 for the West Bank and Vicinity Levee Lift Program for the Greater New Orleans Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS); 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: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: Mr. Galloway

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to approve Amendment #1 for ELOS Task Order #1 – Operation Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) Planning and Documentation of West Bank Vicinity (WBV) Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) for seven mitigation projects in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00; 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: Mr. Kirkland

RECUSED: Mr. Galloway

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 315, annual purchase of materials for the period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to Beverly Construction Co., LLC. and Otwell Services LLC.; 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 316, annual equipment rental for the period from July 1, 2026 to June 30, 2027, to Beverly Construction Co., LLC. and Otwell Services LLC.; 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of two (2) John Deere 5120M Tractors with extended warranties, to replace Units 2173 and 2175, in an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00; 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of three (3) John Deere FC15R Flex Wing Rotary Cutters, to replace Units 2125, 2126, and 2127, in an amount not to exceed \$95,000.00; 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of two (2) John Deere Gator XUV855M with extended warranties, to replace Units 1422 and 1424, in an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00; 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. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPA-W Policy #11-01 – Probationary Period, as presented with an effective date of April 28, 2026. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPA-W Policy #11-02 – Attendance & Leave, as presented with an effective date of April 28, 2026. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kirkland
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, May 19, 2026 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 5:09 P.M.