

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, May 21, 2024

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at the Moreau Center – MC Conference Room– University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Drive, Algiers, LA.

Mr. Burke called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Fogle to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance at the Moreau Center – MC Conference Room– University of Holy Cross: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Robinson. Ms. Foster and Mr. Gauthé were absent.

Mr. Burke led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the April 23, 2024 regular board meeting.

Mr. Burke presented the President’s report for the month of May.

The minutes of the activities, meetings, and issues of the Administration Committee meeting during the month of May were accepted into record.

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

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of May.

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, 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 two fiscal years 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 years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years 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 years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1,

2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years 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 years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, 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, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 307, publishing for the Official Journal, for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to The New Orleans Advocate in the amount of \$4.62 per column inch, and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 308, annual purchase of materials for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to Beverly Construction Co., LLC, and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 308, annual purchase of materials for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to Pontchartrain Materials Corp., and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 308, annual purchase of materials, excluding bid item 7: 10,000 cubic yard embankment material, for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to Otwell Services LLC., and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 309, annual equipment rental for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to Beverly Construction Co., LLC, and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 309, annual equipment rental for the period from July 1, 2024 to

June 30, 2025, to United Rentals, and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 309, annual equipment rental for the period from July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025, to Otwell Services LLC., and to authorize the President's decision 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for human resources support services for two fiscal years with Wanda "Dee" Everett, at an amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for public information services for two fiscal years with The Ehrhardt Group, at an amount not to exceed \$48,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for accounting support services for two fiscal years with AIM Technologies, at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for Flood Control Information Management System maintenance services for two fiscal years with JBM Technologies LLC, at an amount not to exceed \$60,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for surveying services for two fiscal years with Dufrene Surveying at an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for professional title abstracting services for two fiscal years with EDG Inc., at an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025 and July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2026, 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. Robinson

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for governmental consultant services with Mercury Public Affairs and Bold Strategies, effective May 21, 2024 – June 30, 2025, at an amount not to exceed \$200,000.00, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025, 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. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to select HNTB, Arcadis, and Digital Engineering & Imaging for Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity Engineering Services Contracts in accordance with RFQ No. 1-2024, and to 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. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
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 the following equipment under budget lines Tractors, Mowers, and Cutters, and Vehicle Acquisitions; to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action:

- i. Two (2) John Deere 5120M Tractors with extended warranties at a cost not to exceed \$185,000.00.
- ii. One (1) Alamo Interstater Flail Mower at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- iii. Two (2) replacement Scag Turf Tiger II zero turn mowers, at a cost not to exceed \$30,000.00.
- iv. One (1) Ford F-450 Diesel Crew Cab & Chassis with Service Body Pickup Truck to replace unit 1484 (F450 Pickup), at a cost not to exceed \$90,000.00.
- v. Two (2) Ford F250 Crew Cab Pickup Trucks to replace units 1771 (Ford Explorer) and 1884 (Chevrolet Tahoe), at a cost not to exceed \$130,000.00.

The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-04-Call-in as presented with an effective date of May 21, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-05-Tardiness as presented with an effective date of May 21, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mr. Fogle, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPAW #11-06-Unscheduled Absenteeism as presented with an effective date of May 21, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, June 25, 2024, 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 4:35 P.M.