

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)  
Minutes of the Regular Board Hearing and Board Meeting  
Tuesday, May 27, 2025

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, May 27, 2025 at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

Mr. Burke called the public hearing to order and directed Ms. Foster to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Gauthé was absent.

Ms. Foster stated the topic of the public hearing as follows: consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum for the West Jefferson Levee District.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke adjourned the public hearing at 4:02 P.M.

Mr. Burke called the public meeting to order at 4:03 P.M. and directed Ms. Foster to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, and Mr. Robinson. Mr. Gauthé was absent.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the April 29, 2025 regular board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to recognize Mr. Rickie Eslick Jr. as the recipient of the Gerald A. "Jerry" Spohrer Memorial Award for Excellence in recognition of his outstanding service to the Authority from April 2024 to March 2025.

Ms. Lauren Nash of the National Weather Service, New Orleans briefed the Board on the 2025 National Weather Service Seasonal Hurricane Forecast.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke presented the President's Report for the month of May.

Ms. Foster reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Administration Committee during the month of May.

Mr. Robinson entered the minutes of the May 2025 Operations and Maintenance Committee into record.

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

It was moved by Ms. Foster, 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, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPAW Policy #11-26 Information Technology Usage Policy, as presented with an effective date of May 27, 2025. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 311, publishing for the Official Journal, for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, to The New Orleans Advocate in the amount of \$4.62 per column inch, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to award Bid Number 312, annual purchase of materials for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, to Beverly Construction Co., LLC. and Otwell Trucking LLC. , 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to award Bid Number 313, annual equipment rental for the period from July 1, 2025 to June 30, 2026, 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; and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize the purchase of one (1) replacement Kenworth 14-yard dump truck with extended warranty in an amount not to exceed \$210,000.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize the purchase of three (3) replacement John Deere 5120M tractors with extended warranties in an amount not to exceed \$290,000.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize 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 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize the purchase of three (3) replacement Scag Turf Tiger II mowers in an amount not to exceed \$45,000.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize the purchase of one (1) replacement Bobcat Skid Steer Mulcher attachment in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize a task order with Digital Engineering to perform a drainage system evaluation and study for the Peters Road Floodwall in an amount not to exceed \$102,700.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and approved by the members in attendance to select ELOS Environmental, LLC for an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity Environmental Services Contract in accordance with RFQ No. 1-2025, 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. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: Mr. Galloway

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize 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, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to amend Task Order No. 4, Environmental Analysis, under the Authority's contract with HNTB Corporation to increase the task value by \$15,000.00 for a total not to exceed value of \$62,811.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to amend Task Order No. 5, Safety Assurance Review, under the Authority's contract with HNTB Corporation to increase the task value by \$15,000.00 for a total not to exceed value of \$62,280.43, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Galloway, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize Change Order No. 1 with H3 Electric for the Jazz Walkway Lighting Project to include 2 additional light standard assemblies for a cost not to exceed \$14,070.00, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to authorize a contract with BDPC LLC for Public Education Strategy and Research Services in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 from June 1, 2025 until May 31, 2026, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the members 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, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé  
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the members 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, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance to adopt a resolution authorizing the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for one fiscal year with Pickering & 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, 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, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members 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 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Ms. Foster and unanimously approved by a roll call vote of the members in attendance to set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to millage rate not exceeding the maximum authorized rate and adopt the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum. The estimated amount of tax revenues to be collected in the next year from the increased millage is \$6,796,773.07 and the amount of increase in taxes attributable to the millage increase is \$259,562.19. The roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Gauthé

RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, June 24, 2025, 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 5:03 P.M.