

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 17, 2024

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 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. Gauthé to call the roll.

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

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, 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 August 27, 2024 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke presented the Notice of Intent to consider calling a tax renewal election for March 29, 2025. Mr. Pickering briefed the Board on the election renewal procedures. The Notice of Intent will be entered into the record and published in the September 25, 2024 Official Journal of the Authority.

Mr. Burke presented the President’s report for the month of September. He announced the legislative tour of West Closure Complex will be held October 16, 2024. He requested the draft of Regional Director contract be presented in October 2024 Committees.

Mr. Burke commended Mr. Noel and the employees of the SLFPA-W for the effective and efficient response to Hurricane Francine.

Mr. Gauthé reported on the activities and issues of the Administration Committee meeting during the month of September.

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

Mr. Noel presented the Regional Director's report for the month of September. He briefed the Board on the timeline of the SLFPA-W response to Hurricane Francine. He thanked Mr. Burke for his leadership during the event, and for his communications with business owners and legislators. Mr. Noel also applauded the SLFPA-W staff for their excellent response to Hurricane Francine. The systems operated as designed and no issues were reported.

Mr. Burke requested an update be made to the existing Mutual Aid Agreement between SLFPA-W and the Levee Districts of Louisiana (ALBL) for emergency services. Mr. Burke also commended Mr. Noel and the SLFPAW staff for their attention to safety procedures and protocol.

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, 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. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt and approve the newly revised organizational chart for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West; and to appoint Mr. Jesse D. Noel as Regional Director for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West; and to further authorize the Board President to negotiate, on the Board's behalf, the Regional Director salary. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to appoint Mr. Bradley Bosch as Deputy Director for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West; and to further authorize the Board President to negotiate on the Board's behalf, the Deputy Director salary. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of one (1) Ford F-450 Diesel Regular Cab & Chassis at a cost not to exceed \$65,000 as well as a mechanic body, heavy duty service truck crane, and associated items in an amount not to exceed \$75,000.00 for a total not to exceed cost of \$140,000; 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. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve and adopt the SLFPAW Policy #24-44 Permit Program as presented with an effective date of September 17, 2024. The vote on the motion was as follows:

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

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a contract with Strategic Insights for Strategic Planning and Support Services for a period of one year at a cost not to exceed \$25,000; 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. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Ms. Foster, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution in favor of the constitutional amendment proposed by HB 300, by Representative Joe Orgeron: that if and when federal revenue sharing for all types of energy production becomes a reality for the gulf coast states currently participating in the Gulf of Mexico Energy Securities Act (GOMESA) federal revenue sharing, that Louisiana will commit those dollars to Louisiana's Coastal Trust Fund to protect and restore its' coast and the communities that live there. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Ms. Foster, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, 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, October 29, 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 4:50 P.M.