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

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M., Tuesday, July 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, Mr. Kirkland, and Mr. Robinson.

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

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance in a roll call vote to defer agenda items 8, Officer elections; and 9, Committee assignments, until the August 25, 2026 regular board meeting. The motion having been submitted to a vote; the roll call vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the members in attendance in a roll call vote to affirm the agenda as amended. The motion having been submitted to a vote; the roll call vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

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 June 23, 2026 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

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

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

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

Mr. Noel presented the Regional Director's Report for the month of July. Mr. Burke addressed the status of the Lafitte Area Levee District (LALD) tidal protection.

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 Bank, West Jefferson Levee District, and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) with Jefferson Parish for the Harvey Canal to Gretna Mississippi River Levee path, not to exceed five hundred thousand ($500,000.00) dollars; 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. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by and between the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank (SLFPA-W), the West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD), the Algiers Levee District (ALD), and the Lafitte Area Levee District (LALD) for the performance of operation and maintenance functions over and across the flood protection levees/floodwalls within the jurisdiction of the SLFPA-W, the WJLD, the ALD, and the LALD, by employees of the SLFPA-W, utilizing equipment and supplies owned by WJLD, ALD, and LALD; and to further authorize the President to execute any 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. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson

NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by and between the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank (SLFPA-W) and the West Jefferson Levee District (WJLD) for the performance of administration, operations, and maintenance functions over and across the flood protection levees/floodwalls within the jurisdiction of the WJLD and the SLFPA-W by employees of the SLFPA-W and to provide for appropriate compensation from the WJLD to the SLFPAW for these services; and to further authorize the President to execute any 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. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Kirkland, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by and between the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank (SLFPA-W) and the Algiers Levee District (ALD) for the performance of administration, operations, and maintenance functions over and across the flood protection levees/floodwalls within the jurisdiction of the ALD and the SLFPA-W by employees of the SLFPA-W and to provide for appropriate compensation from the ALD to the SLFPAW for these services; and to further authorize the President to execute any 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. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) by and between the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Bank (SLFPA-W) and the Lafitte Area Levee District (LALD) for the performance of administration, operations, and maintenance functions over and across the tidal flood protection levees/ floodwalls within the jurisdiction of the LALD and the SLFPA-W by employees of the SLFPA-W and to provide for appropriate compensation from the LALD to the SLFPAW for these services; and to further authorize the President to execute any 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. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the creation of Lafitte Area Levee District (LALD) General Fund and Capital Project Fund Accounts with the Authority's Fiscal Agent, Gulf Coast Bank, and to transfer five hundred thousand ($500,000.00) dollars from the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District's Home Bank Account to the new General Fund and the remainder of the funds to the new Capital Project Fund while leaving ten thousand ($10,000.00) dollars in said Home Bank account to maintain its solvency until such time as all depositing agencies have been notified of the transfer and all outstanding payments have been processed. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize ELOS Task Order #6 for Mitigation Monitoring for Calendar Year 3 of the St. Charles Bottomland Hardwood and Swamp Mitigation Project in an amount not to exceed $89,700.00; 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, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Ardoin, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of a replacement fuel management system from Spatco, and replacement software from Ekos, including a yearly subscription fee of $4,308.00, in a total amount not to exceed $55,000.00; 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, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Fogle, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the contract with Beverly Construction Co. LLC to include hourly and overtime labor rates for additional staff for flood fighting and emergency situations. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt the revisions to SLFPA-W Policy #11-24 – Substance Abuse and Drug-Free Workplace, as presented with an effective date of July 28, 2026. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Fogle, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Kirkland, Mr. Robinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None
VACANCY: One (1)

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 25, 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 4:33 P.M.