SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)

Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 with the following members present: Mr. Dauphin, chairman, Mr. Camnetar and Ms. Maclay. Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford and Ms. Rogers were also in attendance. Ms. Ashley Becnel, from the Colvin Law Firm, Ms. Wallace, from CPRA, and Ms. Cosenza, Mr. Falcon, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, also attended.

Mr. Dauphin called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 6:00 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved as presented, the minutes from the previous meeting dated February 13, 2013.

Ms. Becnel presented a new resolution to satisfy the Louisiana Attorney General’s approval of the Colvin Law Firm to represent SLFPA – W in a pending legal case against BP. Ms. Maclay recused herself from the Committee’s discussion and vote. The other members agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

The 2014 adopted budget was presented by Mr. Bosch, with assistance from Mr. Miserendino. The Committee discussed it, and requested several changes. Mr. Miserendino agreed, and will forward the revised budged to the Committee members via email the next day. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Chairman Dauphin convened a closed Executive Session to discuss matters that remain in litigation. Ms. Cosenza presented an update on Churchill Farms v. WJLD. The Committee asked that she reappear at a future meeting to report on the progress of this case. She agreed to do so.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register, budget, and financial statements for SLFPA – W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend acceptance of the reports by the Board.

Mr. Bosch presented the 2013 amended budget for review. He will continue to update the Committee at every monthly meeting.

The Committee reviewed Commissioners’ expense reports, and approved them for payment.

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on reissuing a contract for two years to C. Bud Taulli Construction, Inc. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Dauphin and Ms. Ford presented ideas and costs for awards, and an employee appreciation dinner. The Committee discussed the awards criteria, and to possibly schedule appreciation activities during the week of May 5-11, 2013, which the state has designated as Employee Appreciation week. This information will be presented at next month’s meeting for further discussion.

The Committee agreed to defer discussion regarding the Resolution Officer Policy and Procedure until next month’s meeting.

Ms. Maclay led a discussion about both vehicle policies (Vehicle Operation and Vehicle Home Storage). Mr. Falcon provided information about accepted practice by other state agencies and Civil Service rules. Many questions arose, including Ms. Maclay asked Mr. Camnetar to review IRS policy in regard to a proposed amendment to the policies; he agreed. After further discussion, it was agreed to defer these policies until the next month’s meeting.

The Committee agreed to defer discussion about the development of a Safety Policy & Procedure until the next month’s meeting.

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion about an email from Commissioner Merritt, regarding cell phone assignment to employees. The Committee agreed to pay $30.00 per month each to Chris Muscarello, Levee Board Operations Superintendent and Ronald Forrester, Levee Maintenance Superintendent, in order to continue communication with them for levee board business.

Mr. Miserendino provided a brief update on the status of land acquisition compensation.

Mr. Dauphin announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 6:00 PM in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 8:47 PM.