

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 21, 2014

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, chairman, Mr. Dauphin and Mr. Merritt. Also in attendance were: Mr. Roark, Mr. Strong, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Edwards, Col. Fogle, consultant, Ms. Everett, human resources consultant, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, and Mr. Avant, legal counsel.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 7:40 AM.

The Committee amended the agenda and approved it.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated December 10, 2013, as amended.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statements for SLFPA-W and its member districts. The Committee requested that Mr. Bosch email them these reports, extending the lines to show projections, prior to each monthly meeting. They also requested he email them the EFT reports prior to each monthly meeting. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these reports for approval by the Board.

Mr. Bosch presented the 2014 amended budget. He will continue to update the Committee at every monthly meeting. He also presented his analysis on yearly budget management and executive summary. Mr. Camnetar requested that Mr. Bosch notify the Committee when expenditures exceed the adopted budget so that it can be brought before the Board for their action.

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

Mr. Merritt updated the Committee on the administrative best practice for PES evaluations.

The Committee took a short break for approximately ten minutes and then reconvened.

Mr. Merritt presented information on potential optional pay adjustments, in the form of lump sum payments, to be issued to employees for additional duties. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Merritt recommended to the Committee that an employee be temporarily detailed to the Administrative Program Manager 1 position. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Merritt updated the Committee on his findings regarding some personnel actions. The Committee requested that Mr. Merritt work with Mr. Avant to resolve these issues. Mr. Merritt will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Merritt and Mr. Dauphin led a discussion about an appreciation program for former commissioners. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this program for approval by the Board.

Col. Fogle stated that he was in the process of putting together an update on the organizational assessment and would present his findings at the Board meeting.

The Committee discussed the taxes collected from the Algiers Levee District. After the discussion, the Committee requested that Mr. Bosch get in touch with Ms. Sharon McDonald with the City of New Orleans to resolve this issue.

Mr. Merritt led a discussion of the Evergreen list.

Ms. Ford led a discussion on raising the President's purchasing limit. Mr. Merritt requested that Mr. Bosch provide copies of the current policy and other information at next month's Committee meeting.

The discussion on the request for qualifications for the strategic plan was deferred at Mr. Merritt's request.

Mr. Avant led a discussion on the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) resolution regarding operation and maintenance of the New Orleans Area Hurricane Protection System in compliance with Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) regulations and for the purpose of FEMA certification. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Commissioner's meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:05 AM.