

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 18, 2015

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:34 PM on Wednesday, November 18, 2015 at Our Lady of Holy Cross College – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131.

Ms. Maclay opened a Public Hearing at 5:34 PM to 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 Algiers Levee District.

There were no public comments and the Public Hearing was adjourned at approximately 5:35 PM.

Immediately following the Public Hearing Ms. Maclay called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Camnetar to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson. Staff present: John Monzon and Amy Noll. Harry Vorhoff of the Attorney General’s office was also in attendance.

Ms. Maclay led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners to accept and approve the minutes of the October 28, 2015 regular meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners to affirm the agenda.

Ms. Maclay presented the President’s report for the month of November.

Mr. Camnetar reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information (FALPI) Committee during the month of November.

Mr. Gaddy reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of November.

Mr. Merritt provided an update on environmental and research issues. A written report of this update is attached and available upon request.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of November.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners to approve bills for payment and accept financial information as submitted for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners to authorize the President to negotiate and execute a one-year contract for the operation and maintenance of the West Closure Complex with Pump Station Operations, LLC, and to further authorize the Board President to negotiate and execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intention of this action, contingent upon approval of interim Intergovernmental Agreement by all parties.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners to authorize the President to negotiate and execute an interim Intergovernmental Agreement by and between the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, and Plaquemines Parish, for the O&M of the West Closure Complex of the West Bank Hurricane Protection Project, and to further authorize the President to negotiate and execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by Commissioners to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the Algiers Levee District of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on November 18, 2015, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana

Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rates [(Special Maintenance: 0.73) and (Constitutional General: 5.35)] be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue. The resolution passed unanimously:

YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by Commissioners to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the Algiers Levee District of the Parish of Orleans, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on November 18, 2015, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. The resolution passed unanimously:

YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Wilkinson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None

Ms. Maclay announced the time and place of upcoming Board meetings: Special Board Meeting will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, LA 70131 on Tuesday, December 1 at 5:30 PM; Special Board Meeting on Wednesday, December 2 at 5:30 PM will be held in the SLFPA-W Office - Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072; and the next Regular Board Meeting of the Authority will be held in the SLFPA-W Office - Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, LA 70072, on Wednesday, December 16, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 6:20 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer