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

Minutes of the Regular Meeting

September 24, 2012

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:00 pm on September 24, 2012 at the SLFPA – W Office Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, 70072.

Ms. Maclay opened a Public Hearing at approximately 5:00 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 West Jefferson Levee District. Ms. Maclay called for public comments, and there were none.

Ms. Maclay adjourned the Public Hearing at approximately 5:02 pm.

Immediately following the Public Hearing, Ms. Maclay called the Board meeting to order and directed Mr. Dauphin to call the roll. In attendance were Ms. Maclay, Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera and Mr. Wilkinson. Dr. Westerink was absent. Also in attendance were: Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Spohrer, Mr. Roark and Mr. Avant, legal counsel.

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 Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the July 23, 2012 meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Miserendino presented the Regional Director’s report on the activities, meetings, and issues of the SLFPA – W and its member districts in September. Mr. Ryan Daul gave a presentation regarding Pollution Liability Insurance coverage. He also asked each Commissioner if they would like to be contacted to get more information about Workers’ Compensation/Accident Insurance coverage. Mayor Kerner and Councilman Roberts thanked the Board for their hard work, and assistance for Lafitte during Hurricane Isaac.

Ms. Maclay and Mr. Camnetar reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee in September.

Mr. Viera reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee in September.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial statements for the months of July and August as submitted for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the Finance Committee Chairman and President to review and approve the 2012 audit of the Authority and to execute any documents required to evidence Board approval.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the Compliance Questionnaire for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and to evidence that approval by its execution by the President and Secretary-Treasurer, all in connection with the 2011-2012 audit.

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Dauphin and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to negotiate a contract with an engineering firm, at an amount not to exceed $35,000.00, and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to proceed with the Primavera work order project, and to authorize a budgeted amount not to exceed $50,000.00. The Regional Director will provide a monthly report on the amount expended, and the progress of the project.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the President to execute any agreements and documents for repayment of prior years’ ad valorem taxes to the Lafitte Area Independent Levee District, at an amount not to exceed $227,671.60.

Consideration to purchase Pollution Liability Insurance coverage was tabled until a future Board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution providing for the acquisition of lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way required for construction of the West Bank and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project, WBV-16.2, BAYOU SEGNETTE COMPLEX, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Map File No. H-4-46808, last revised in April, 2012.

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson to adopt a resolution providing for acquisition of lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way required for construction of the Mississippi River Levee, Huey P. Long Seepage Control Project, B/L Station 464+50 to 487+00, Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Map File No. H-8-47644, last revised in June, 2012.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

 YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Wilkinson, Mr. Viera, Mr. Camnetar

 NAYS: Mr. Merritt

 ABSENT: Dr. Westerink

 ABSTAIN: None

It was moved by Mr. Viera, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution providing for acquisition of lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way required for construction of the Mississippi River Levee, Algiers Seepage Control Project, B/L Station 247+00 to 269+00, Orleans Parish, Louisiana, as shown on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Map File No. H-8-47636.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the West Jefferson Levee District of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 24, 2012, 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 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 2012, for the purpose of raising revenue. The resolution passed by a 2/3 vote:

 YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera, Mr. Wilkinson

 NAYS: None

 ABSTAINED: None

 ABSENT: Dr. Westerink

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Camnetar and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to adopt a resolution by the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West as governing body of the West Jefferson Levee District of the Parish of Jefferson, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on September 24, 2012, 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 2012, 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 by 2/3 vote:

 YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, Mr. Viera, Mr. Wilkinson

 NAYS: None

 ABSTAINED: None

 ABSENT: Dr. Westerink

Ms. Maclay announced the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70131 on Monday, October 22, 2012 at 5:00 pm.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:00 pm.

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Susan H. Maclay, President

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Paul R. Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer