Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)

Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Monday, April 23, 2012

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on April 23, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, and Mr. Wilkinson. Absent was Mr. Merritt. Also in attendance were: Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Caluda, and Mr. Connell from the USACE.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 3:00 pm.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

In public comments, Mr. Wilkinson introduced Mr. Kendall Gaddy, civil engineer and project evaluation manager at Crescent Technology, Inc., who is interested in sitting on the TOM Committee as a non-voting member.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting dated March 26, 2012.

Mr. Miserendino updated the Committee on the list of WBV projects awaiting NFS acceptance with a ranking system related to ability to accept the project. Mr. Viera asked which particular projects the commissioners should make themselves familiar with and asked Mr. Roark to call them when he was planning to visit these projects, ideally before next months’ meeting. The Committee asked Mr. Miserendino to present the updated list again at the next months’ meeting.

Mr. Roark gave a report on the acceptance of WBV 1, explaining that in May, a resolution would be passed to CPRA recommending that WBV 1 be accepted and stating that all punch list items have been sufficiently addressed.

Mr. Miserendino briefly reviewed two proposals for modification to the electrical system in the Command Center. The Committee agreed to recommend the proposal with Ahart Electrical Contractor for approval by the Board.

Mr. Miserendino then updated the Committee on the recent activities of the Tiger Team, explaining that they were still in the process of assembling their report but that there would be a special meeting with the Tiger Team once it was completed, most likely in May.

Mr. Viera suggested that the Committee discuss the split samples item at the next meeting that Mr. Merritt is able to attend, as he was going to lead the discussion of this particular agenda item. The Committee agreed to table the discussion until this time.

Mr. Miserendino reported on armoring, stating that the second modification had been issued but that it did not address all of their concerns with the project. He explained that these problems would probably take around three months to be resolved and until the problems were solved to everyone’s satisfaction, the SLFPA-W would not be granting right of entry.

In other matters, Mr. Connell of the USACE told the Committee that the Keel Cooler is ready to be tested. Mr. Miserendino asked who would be financially responsible for fixing problems that may surface after the testing and acceptance of the Cooler. Mr. Connell answered that a modification would be issued as needed and the cost would be negotiated among all parties involved.

The Committee moved on to the discussion of testing protocol for WBV 90. Mr. Miserendino stated that the recent weather conditions in March presented an ideal opportunity to test the pumps under event conditions and asked what criteria for testing could be put in place so that the next time there is a weather event that would be ideal for testing the pumps. Mr. Connell stated that they would not be testing the pumps under event conditions, as that would be considered normal operation. He said that the process would go in order from PVT testing to cooldown reprogramming to acceptance of the project, at which point testing can take place. Mr. Viera requested a copy of testing criteria and Mr. Connell responded that he would bring it to the next meeting.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at 3:00 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 4:25 pm.