

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting
Tuesday, November 12, 2013

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on November 12, 2013 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Strong, Mr. Caluda, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Robertson, Jim Lestelle, public information and Ms. Andrea Shaw from the Times Picayune.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Regional Director's Office at SLFPA – W, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:33 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated October 15, 2013.

Mr. Viera said that he expects a call from Mr. Breaux to get the results of his work reviewing the Keel coolers. Mr. Miserendino updated the Committee on the status of the WRDA bill. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Miserendino presented new information on the armoring report from Waldemar Nelson, and led a discussion. Mr. Miserendino stated that he would discuss issues from the report with Tom Holden at USACE. He also asked Tom Wells to come to next month's Committee meeting to present an engineering update.

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on the Intergovernmental Agreement. Mr. Avant provided additional information on the options for proceeding. Mr. Miserendino will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera led a discussion about the objectives, scope, cost and schedule for the planned building renovation and air conditioning projects. The Committee unanimously agreed to present this information to the Board for further discussion and action.

Mr. Strong presented an update on development of the Safety Manual. The Committee discussed measurables for the industry and options for review of SLFPA-W's safety policies. Mr. Strong will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

In Other Matters, the Committee discussed working more collaboratively with SLFPA-E to address the issues regarding ongoing maintenance, subsidence and managing weather-related conditions. Mr. Viera will continue to attend SLFPA-E's Technical Committee Meetings to identify potential areas of concern where SLFPA-W and SLFPA-E can work together.

Mr. Wilkinson led a brief discussion on Open Meetings Law, and requested clarification on the state statute.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at 1:30 PM in the Regional Director's Office at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:12 PM.