

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 30, 2019

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 30, 2019, in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

Mr. Burke called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Gaddy to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Ms. Wargo.

Mr. Burke led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the agenda to include item 19d: adopt a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, on behalf of Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and the Algiers Levee District, that it requests the United States Army Corps of Engineers to expedite and fund levee lift projects that will raise the Mississippi River Levees in Algiers between river mile 88 and 91, Station 385+00 (Algiers Lock) to Station 205+00. The vote on the motion to amend the agenda was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Burke, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Ms. Wargo

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Dr. Valent, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as amended.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 25, 2019 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

The resolution to honor Mr. Ronald Forrester on his retirement was tabled until the August 2019 Regular Board meeting.

It was moved and approved by unanimous acclamation of the Commissioners in attendance to recognize Mr. Ellis Rome as the recipient of the Gerald A. “Jerry” Spohrer Memorial Award for Excellence in recognition of his outstanding service to the Authority from April 2018 to March 2019.

The presentation by New Orleans City Councilmember Kristin Palmer was tabled until a future date to be determined.

Mr. Ben Schott of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration made a presentation to the Board on 2019 Hurricane Preparedness.

Mr. Burke introduced Ms. Kimberly Wargo as a new Commissioner on the SLFPA-W Board.

Mr. Avant administered the Oath of Office to Ms. Wargo prior to the July 30, 2019 Regular Board meeting.

Mr. Burke opened nominations for the election of Vice President for 2019 – 2020, to fill the vacancy left by former Commissioner Wilkinson. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Mr. Gaddy as Vice-President.

With the election of Mr. Gaddy as Vice President, the Secretary-Treasurer position opened for nominations. It was moved by Mr. Thomas, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Mr. Gauthé as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Burke announced the Committee assignments. TOM Committee assignments: Dr. Valent remains Chairman, Mr. Thomas remains on the TOM Committee, and Mr. Julien is assigned to the TOM Committee. Per SLFPA-W bylaws, as Secretary – Treasurer, Mr. Gauthé became Chairman of the FALPI Committee. Mr. Burke and Mr. Gaddy remain on the FALPI Committee.

Mr. Burke gave the President's report for the month of July.

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

Dr. Valent reported on the activities, meetings and issues of the Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee during the month of July.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director's report for the month of July.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial statements as submitted for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Ms. Wargo
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the AIMS Group contract in an amount not to exceed \$70,000.00, and to further authorize the President to execute any agreements and documents to carry out the intent of these actions, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Ms. Wargo
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the purchase of one track loader on state contract, in an amount not to exceed

\$80,198.62, subject to funding as provided in the 2019-2020 budget, and to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, Dr. Valent and Ms. Wargo
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

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NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced that the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 27, 2019, in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 5:21 P.M.

Scott M. Burke, President

Stephen P. Gauthé, Secretary – Treasurer