

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 29, 2020

In accordance Governor Edwards' Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 118: Additional Measures for COVID-19 Public Health Emergency, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Tuesday, September 29, 2020 board meeting by teleconference.

Pursuant to Proclamation Number JBE 2020 – 118, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West will hold its' Board Meeting via teleconference, otherwise unable to operate due to limitations on public gatherings. To assure quorum requirements during this public health emergency, the SLFPA-W will hold its' meeting by teleconference.

Public comments will accepted during the teleconference meeting.

To submit a public comment, please submit by email to: publiccomments@slfpaw.org. Please include full name and business/organization represented. Comments received will be read and recorded during the meeting.

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, September 29, 2020 by teleconference and in person in the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

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

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé and Mr. Thomas. Attending by teleconference: Mr. Julien and Mr. Robinson.

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

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the August 25, 2020 regular board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the September 2, 2020 special board meeting.

There were no public comments.

A resolution to honor Mr. John Monzon upon his retirement was presented by the Commissioners. Mr. Burke expressed his gratitude and appreciation on behalf of himself and the Board for Mr. Monzon's accomplishments, dedication to the Authority, and attention to assisting the Board. He also thanked Mr. Gaddy for attending the meeting and for his service to the Board.

Mr. Monzon thanked the Board for their assistance over the years and for the opportunities it provided. Mr. Gaddy addressed the Board, expressing his appreciation of Mr. Monzon's leadership of the Authority. The roll was called, and the vote on the motion to accept the resolution into record, was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke presented the President's report for the month of September. Mr. Burke congratulated Mr. Nicholas Cali on his promotion to Regional Director, and Mr. Jesse Noel as the new Chief of Operations. Mr. Burke introduced two new SLFPA-W Commissioners: Ms. Kelsey Foster and Mr. Larry Ardoin. Mr. Burke appointed Ms. Foster as the third member of the FALPI Committee.

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

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

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director's report for the month of September.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment 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. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the Finance Committee Chairman and President to review and approve the 2019-2020 audit of the Authority, and to execute any documents required to evidence Board approval. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to purchase three John Deere R15 cutting decks, on state contract, at an amount not to exceed \$21,185.01 each, subject to funding as provided in the 2020-2021 budget, and to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Thomas and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to purchase three John Deere 5115M tractors, on state contract, at an amount not to exceed \$62,613.82 each, subject to funding as provided in the 2020-2021 budget, and to authorize the President's decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action, and to amend the budget accordingly. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West Internal Controls Policy #11-37. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Ms. Foster, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Julien, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: None
RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, October 27, 2020, at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 PM.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:29 P.M.

Scott M. Burke, President

Stephen P. Gauthé, Secretary – Treasurer