

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information Committee Meeting
Wednesday, September 9, 2015

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Wednesday, September 9, 2015, with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, chairman, Mr. Dauphin and Ms. Maclay. Also in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Ms. Noll, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, Mr. Vorhoff, legal counsel, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, and Ms. Olver, public information.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the board room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 5:35 PM.

There were no public comments at this time, however, Mr. Gaddy deferred his public comment until after Dr. Richardson’s report.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated August 19, 2015.

Dr. Richardson presented an overview of his economic analysis report. His presentation was followed by a brief question and answer discussion. Mr. Gaddy asked, as a member of the public, if he saw any red flags in the report and Dr. Richardson responded that he did not.

Mr. Pickering provided an update on ad valorem taxes and the November 21 election. Mr. Monzon and Mr. Pickering will go before the State Bond Commission on September 17. There are numerous upcoming public presentations, which are on the website calendar.

Mr. Monzon gave a brief update regarding the record retention and retrieval system. The Committee will be updated again at next month’s meeting.

The updated draft Strategic Plan was discussed. The Committee requested that staff incorporate additional comments from Commissioners and unanimously recommended the Strategic Plan for Board approval.

Mr. Noel gave an update on the safety policy/program. The Committee requested staff revise the cell phone and texting portion of the policy and unanimously recommended the updated policy for Board approval.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statement for SLFPA – W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these reports for Board approval.

Mr. Bosch presented current budget information. The Committee provided feedback and requested that staff proceed with a mid-year budget review and possible formation of a working group, with one member each from the FALPI and TOM Committees.

Mr. Monzon stated that CPRA is working on extending the interim intergovernmental agreement for the West Closure Complex, which expires November 30, 2015. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

The Committee reviewed the Commissioner's travel expense report and approved it for payment.

Mr. Monzon provided an update on armoring status and issues.

Mr. Noel provided an overview of the work order system and told the Committee they would be able to access and view the system.

Mr. Noel provided information regarding research on a NOAA hardened weather station. Mr. Monzon stated that he would be reaching out to potential partners to cost share the project.

Mr. Monzon provided information regarding a potential phone app, citing the example of the Terrebonne Levee District. After discussion, it was determined that an app was not worth further exploration, but staff should research something similar to what SLFPA-East has on their website for flood protection gate closure status/navigation structures map.

Mr. Noel provided an overview of the right of entry spreadsheet. The Committee will be updated again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a report of his activities for the month of September and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the next regular Committee meeting was scheduled to be held Wednesday, October 14, 2015 at 6:00 PM, but due to a scheduling conflict the Committee will instead meet on Tuesday, October 13 at 6:00 PM. It will be held in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA - W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:53 PM.