

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, July 22, 2015

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:37 PM on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 in the Board Room at SLFPA – W, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, 70072.

Ms. Maclay called the meeting to order and directed Mr. Dauphin to call the roll.

In attendance were: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Camnetar was absent. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Noll, Mr. Noel, Mrs. Ford, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, Mr. Ehrhardt, public information, Ms. Hirt, public information, and Ms. Olver, public information.

Ms. Maclay led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 30, 2015 regular meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the July 13, 2015 special meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda.

During public comments, Mr. Hassinger introduced himself as the newly elected President of SLFPA-East's Board, effective July 1.

Mr. McLindon gave a presentation regarding geologic controls on subsidence and its effect on flood protection infrastructure.

Mr. Pickering introduced and provided notice of the proposed draft investment policy.

Ms. Maclay opened nominations for the elections of officers for 2015 – 2017.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Ms. Maclay for President.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Wilkinson for Vice-President.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Camnetar for Secretary-Treasurer.

The meeting was paused for a ten minute break at approximately 6:33 pm.

Ms. Maclay announced the Committee assignments would remain the same, with a change for Chairman of the TOM Committee. On the FALPI Committee are Mr. Camnetar, Chairman, Mr. Dauphin, and Ms. Maclay. On the TOM Committee are Mr. Gaddy, Chairman, Mr. Julien, and Mr. Wilkinson.

Ms. Maclay presented the President's report for the month of July.

In Mr. Camnetar's absence, Mr. Dauphin reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Finance, Administration, Legal and Public Information (FALPI) Committee during the month of July.

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

Mr. Merritt provided an update on environmental and research issues.

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

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment and accept financial information as submitted for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to defer agenda item #17B.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to defer agenda item #17C.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize the administration to proceed with transferring all personnel to SLFPA –W, effective January 1, 2016.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, as follows: Increase Civil Service CPTP Fees by \$3,152 from \$9,650 to \$12,802; Increase General Liability Insurance by \$5,908.35 from \$227,373.30 to \$233,281.65; Decrease Personal Property Insurance by \$787.50 from \$27,300 to \$26,512.50; Decrease Public Official Insurance by \$30.45 from \$19,070.10 to \$19,039.65; Increase Vehicle Insurance by \$465.30 from \$60,000 to \$60,465.30; and Decrease Worker’s Compensation Insurance by \$4,107 from \$46,459 to \$42,352.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien and approved by the majority of Commissioners in attendance to add a budget line item entitled “Geophysics Earth Sciences & Other Technologies” at a cost not to exceed \$50,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, with the TOM Committee to evaluate the technical merits of the proposed expenditures. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, and Mr. Merritt

NAYS: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Wilkinson

ABSENT: Mr. Camnetar

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

Ms. Maclay announced that the next special meeting of the Authority will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College in the Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70131, on Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:27 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer