

Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)  
Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting  
Thursday, March 20, 2014

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA – W met on Thursday, March 20, 2014 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, Mr. Wilkinson, and Mr. Gaddy. Also in attendance were: Mr. Muscarello, Mr. Strong, Ms. Ford, Mr. Bosch, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Caluda, Col. Fogle, consultant, Mr. Lestelle, public information, Mr. Kay and Mr. Wells, Waldemar S. Nelson & Co., Inc., and Mr. Connell, United States Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Board Room at the SLFPA – W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 1:30 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as amended.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated February 20, 2014.

Mr. Kay updated the Committee on the armoring pilot project and Col. Fogle gave a Powerpoint presentation on armoring status and issues. They will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Caluda updated the Committee on progress with the Western Closure Complex, WBV 16.2 pump station, and other project outstanding issues requiring follow-up. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle continued his Powerpoint presentation and updated the Committee on emergency and high water preparedness. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle went on to the next section of his presentation regarding the West Bank Hydraulic Balance. He and Mr. Connell updated the Committee on the status of this issue. They will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Col. Fogle continued his Powerpoint presentation and updated the Committee on the proposal from Dynamic Measurement, LLC. No action was taken and the discussion was tabled until further notice.

Col. Fogle updated the Committee on the proposal from FDH Engineering, Inc. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend this proposal for approval by the Board.

Col. Fogle updated the Committee on the proposed fee schedule for permitting various types of activities on the levees within SLFPA-W's jurisdiction. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Gaddy led a discussion on a potential Emerging Technologies Committee, to be formed as an ad hoc or advisory committee to the Board. The TOM Committee supports emerging technology evaluation but prefers that such evaluations remain within its existing Committee oversight. Mr. Viera recommended that Mr. Merritt attend some meetings at the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East to see how

their committees handle emerging technologies. Mr. Gaddy will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Strong and Mr. Gaddy updated the Committee on the Safety Program. No action was taken and the discussion was tabled until further notice.

Col. Fogle gave a presentation on the status of the situation regarding feral hogs on the levees. The Committee discussed various options for contracting with viable entities for hog removal. The Committee then unanimously agreed to recommend immediate action for approval by the Board.

Mr. Muscarello updated the Committee on the status of the building renovations. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Muscarello updated the Committee on the Brooklyn facility. He will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

Mr. Viera led a discussion on whether or not representatives of SLFPA-W should attend the Tulane Engineering Forum. Mr. Viera agreed to register himself to attend the forum on behalf of the Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee.

Mr. Viera announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 2:30 PM in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 3:20 PM.