Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West (SLFPA-W)

Technical, Operations and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, June 14, 2016

The Technical, Operations and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on Tuesday, June 14, 2016 with the following members present: Mr. Gaddy, chairman, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Julien was absent. Also in attendance were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Noel, Mr. Roark, and Ms. Noll.

Mr. Gaddy called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA–W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 2:34 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated May 10, 2016.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel presented an update on the emergency operations center (EOC) status/issues and the responses to requests for quotes for the hugger retrofit system. It was noted that there has been hesitation on the part of the manufacturers regarding the FEMA P361 standards and certification for that system. Staff will reach out to engineering and/or design build firms and if the cost estimate is in excess of $150,000 the project will need to be publicly bid. The Committee indicated their recommendation for design build or other cost effective solution, and reaching out to FEMA directly regarding these standards.

After discussion, it was determined that hurricane netting was not practicable for use with the EOC. The Committee also discussed a recent issue with the generator.

Mr. Roark gave reports on health and injury statistics and safety incidents since the last meeting. The Committee provided feedback regarding the safety observation cards that were presented. The Committee will continue to be updated on safety matters.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel provided an update on the lifts and armoring status. The 408 permit has been received and staff plans to advertise for the WBV-16.2 project in the coming weeks.

Mr. Monzon and Mr. Noel provided an update regarding the West Closure Complex (WCC) operations and maintenance status/issues. The Committee will be updated again at next month’s meeting.

There was no new information regarding the Brooklyn Avenue building; however, the Committee requested that this remain on the agenda for future meetings.

Mr. Monzon advised that Dr. Lorenzo will conduct geophysics testing on the V-line levee for the next 2-3 days. The Committee will continue to be updated again at next month’s meeting.

Mr. Monzon provided a Director’s report of activities for the month of June and informed the Committee on pending issues.

Mr. Gaddy announced that the next regularly scheduled TOM Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 12, 2016, at 2:30 PM in the meeting room at the office of Jim Wilkinson & Associates, 3520 Holiday Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 PM.