SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)

Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting

Wednesday, September 28, 2016

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:30 PM on Wednesday, September 28, 2016 in the Board Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

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

Commissioners in attendance were: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Thomas arrived at approximately 5:56 PM. Staff present were: Mr. Monzon, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Mann, and Mr. Noel. Mr. Avant of Avant and Falcon, Mr. Daul of Daul Insurance, Ms. Olver of The Ehrhardt Group, Mr. Pickering of Pickering and Cotogno, Mr. Mike Defalco of Broussard and Company, and Mr. Vorhoff of the Attorney General’s Office were also in attendance.

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

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as amended.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the August 24, 2016 regular board meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Julien, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to enter executive session at approximately 5:33 PM.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to exit executive session at approximately 6:36 PM. No action was taken.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Defalco presented the 2015 – 2016 audit.

Ms. Maclay presented the President’s report for the month of September.

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

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

Mr. Merritt reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Environmental and Research (ER) Committee during the month of September.

Mr. Monzon presented the Regional Director’s report for the month of September.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13a to read as follows: "To authorize the administration to purchase General Liability/Environmental coverage for the West Closure Complex with Lloyds of London for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the period from October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2017, in the amount of $15,491.59 and to amend the budget accordingly." It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Gaddy, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to approve the motion as amended.

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Merritt and Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: Mr. Thomas

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

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to authorize attendance for Commissioners and key staff at the 75th Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL), December 7 – 8, 2016, at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside Hotel, New Orleans, Louisiana.

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend motion 13d to read as follows: “To authorize the President to negotiate an engineering services contract with Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., and to further authorize the President to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of these actions, subject to funding as provided in the budget, for the period from October 1, 2016 to October 1, 2017, not to exceed the amount of $50,000.00 per year.” It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Wilkinson, and the amended motion was approved unanimously by the Commissioners in attendance.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve three “Structures Maintenance Specialist” positions for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, according to the rules of the Department of Civil Service.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to amend the budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017, to increase “Salaries” from $2,163,701.28 to $2,395,000.00.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin, seconded by Mr. Julien, and approved by a majority of the Commissioners in attendance to award Bid Number 2016 – 276, WBV-16.2 Levee Lift Prior to Armoring, to Durr Heavy Construction in an amount not to exceed $516,067.18 subject to funding as provided in the 2016-2017 budget and to authorize the President’s decision to execute any contracts, agreements, and documents to carry out the intent of this action. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Julien, Mr. Thomas, and Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: Mr. Merritt

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Merritt, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to defer agenda item 13h until next month’s regular board meeting.

Ms. Maclay announced that the next regular board meeting of the Authority will be held in the Moreau Center at University of Holy Cross, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana on Wednesday, October 26, 2016 at 5:30 PM.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:51 PM.

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Susan H. Maclay, President

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Paul R. Dauphin, Secretary-Treasurer