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

Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, January 31, 2012

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee of the SLFPA-W met on January 31, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Wilkinson, chairman, and Mr. Viera. Absent was Mr. Morgan. Also in attendance were Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Lestelle, public information services, and representatives from USACE and CPRA. Mr. Morgan and a representative from OCPR participated by phone.

Mr. Wilkinson called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ Meeting Room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 1:00 pm.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no comments from the public.

Mr. Miserendino began the presentation of the NFS Response to USACE’s follow-up report on WBV 14d.2 by addressing the report format. Mr. Mosrie, representing USACE, responded that this concern would be addressed and that future reports would be signed by their primary authors and initialed by a supervisor.

**Issue #1 – Bug Holes:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on bug holes, the first issue listed in the report. Mr. Mosrie responded that USACE would address this concern by, allowing the NFS to choose their preferred method of repair between two options, and providing a signed Engineer’s Report on the repairs.

**Issue #2 – Form Lips and Ridges:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on the disagreement between the USACE’s report and NFS’s report with regard to form lips and ridges, as they present a maintenance concern. Mr. Mosrie responded that the USACE would address these concerns.

**Issue #3 – Vertical Cracks in Floodwall:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on the issue of vertical cracks in the floodwall. He pointed out inconsistencies regarding the USACE’s report. He requested that a signed Engineer’s Report on their findings and repairs be provided prior to acceptance. Mr. Mosrie responded that the USACE would address these concerns in a future joint effort with SLFPA-W.

**Issue #4 – Rust on Floodwall:**

Mr. Roark reviewed the issue of rust on the floodwall. Mr. Mosrie responded by stating that the USACE would be willing to provide more pictures and documentation.

**Issue #5 – Spalled Corner Repair:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on the issue of spalling and fractures in the corner repairs. Mr. Mosrie responded by stating that the USACE would check on those. If they find that the levee wall is still sound throughout, the repairs will not be made.

**Issues #6 & 7 – Wall Joint Sealant/Alignment:**

Mr. Miserendino discussed the issues of wall joint sealant. He also requested a follow-up report on these repairs, including pictures. Mr. Miserendino brought up the issue of wall joint alignment. He requested copies of the reports and documents used by USACE to document the action they have taken. Mr. Dunn, representing USACE, stated that he would look into the NFS’ concerns.

**Issue #8 – Scour Protection Settlement:**

Mr. Miserendino reviewed the issue of scour protection settlement at Monolith 17, saying that the tolerance outlined in the specifications runs contradictory to the agreement reached at the leadership meeting. Mr. Mosrie stated in response that the gaps referenced in the NSF report were covered by the white paper, but the USACE was willing to make repairs.

**Issue #9 – Turf Establishment and Settlement:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on SLFPA-W’s concerns with turf establishment and settlement. Mr. Mosrie responded that USACE intends to seed the turf area and that SLFPA-W was welcome to be on site for these efforts.

**Issue #10 - Debris**

Mr. Miserendino reviewed the issue of debris. He stated that the unacceptable level of debris on both the flood and protected side of the wall had been documented, noting that the abundance of debris is a safety hazard. Mr. Mosrie stated that the USACE would be willing to cooperate with SLFPA-W in clean-up efforts.

**Issue #11 – Swing Gate:**

Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on the swing gate issue and requested written documentation of USACE’s repairs; he stated that NFS would be in full agreement with USACE’s course of action when this has been received and verified by site visit. Mr. Mosrie said that he would provide NFS with the requested documentation.

Mr. Mosrie stated that he would revise USACE’s response to include the names and signatures of those who worked on the report. WBV 14a.2 will be revised in the same manner. NFS will revise their report in response, and these items will again be brought before the SLFPA – W Technical Committee in one month for further discussion.

There were no other matters of discussion.

Mr. Wilkinson announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Monday, February 27, 2012 at 3:00 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 2:41 pm.

[The full transcript of this meeting is available upon request.]