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

Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 12, 2013

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on March 12, 2013 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Merritt was absent, and he listened the meeting via telephone. Also in attendance were Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Ms. Rogers and Mr. Pickering, legal counsel. A representative from the USACE also attended.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room of the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 3:03 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 13, 2013.

Mr. Miserendino gave an update on the test armoring project. Mr. Wilkinson expressed concern about its implementation in the entire levee. Mr. Miserendino will meet with Charles Nelson, of the Waldemar Nelson engineering firm to discuss the scope of work on armoring, and for his firm to review the situation, to advise, and possibly to provide inspection during construction. Mr. Miserendino will also send to the Committee and Mr. Gaddy a copy of a letter received from the USACE which outlines their written scope of testing.

Mr. Miserendino gave the Committee an update on the overall view of the Operations Manual that is under development. Mr. Roark talked about the details of volumes 1, 2 and 3. He reported the progress of the completion of the manual. This topic will be a recurring item on each monthly agenda.

Mr. Roark reported on the water control manual, and provided the Committee with an update on the status of its review process. This topic will be a recurring item on each monthly agenda.

Mr. Miserendino reported that there was structure movement at WBV-90, GIWW WCC. Mr. Connell, representing the USACE, updated the committee on the movement of the structure. He reported that the combi wall moved 1.6 inches during Hurricane Isaac. Mr. Miserendino led a discussion on options for resolving this issue.

Mr. Connell updated the committee on the keel cooler testing at WBV-90. He reported that the USACE is looking at two options on repairing the keel cooler.

Mr. Miserendino gave an update on the outstanding issues of the WBV-16.2 structure. He also informed the Committee about new developments on its transition walls.

Mr. Roark reported about problems of seepage at WBV-15a.2, and that the USACE was continuing their efforts to correct this.

In Other Matters, Mr. Miserendino reported on the progress of the USACE to correct ongoing issues on WBV-14c.2. Mr. Viera led a discussion on reviewing possible solutions.

The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 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 5:15 PM.