

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA-W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Tuesday, July 26, 2022

The SLFPA-W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 4:00 P.M. Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

Mr. Burke called the public meeting to order and directed Mr. Gauthé to call the roll.

Commissioners in attendance at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson and Mr. Thomas. Ms. Foster was absent.

Mr. Burke led all in attendance in the Pledge of Allegiance.

It was moved by Mr. Robinson, seconded by Mr. Thomas, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda as presented.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the June 28, 2022 regular board meeting.

There were no public comments.

Mr. Burke introduced Mr. Kyle Galloway as a new Commissioner on the SLFPA-W Board.

Mr. Burke opened nominations for the election of officers for 2022 – 2024.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Burke as President.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to elect Ms. Foster as Vice-President.

It was moved by Mr. Burke, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to re-elect Mr. Gauthé as Secretary-Treasurer.

Mr. Burke announced the Committee assignments.

Administration Committee: Mr. Gauthé, chairman, Ms. Foster, and Mr. Galloway.

Operations and Maintenance Committee: Mr. Robinson, Chairman, Mr. Ardoin, and Mr. Thomas.

Mr. Burke presented the President’s report for the month of July.

Mr. Gauthé reported there was no Administration Committee meeting in the month of July.

Mr. Thomas reported on the activities, meetings, and issues of the Operations and Maintenance Committee for the month of July.

Mr. Cali presented the Regional Director's report for the month of July. Mr. Burke asked for an update on the SLFPA-W intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with Plaquemines Parish. Mr. Cali reported the IGA is on schedule, and he will keep the board informed of the progress.

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Robinson, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve bills for payment for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West, West Jefferson Levee District and Algiers Levee District. The vote on the motion was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Ardoin, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Mr. Gauthé, seconded by Mr. Galloway, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve the purchase of one (1) bush hog RMB1660-1 rear mounted boom series rotary cutter in an amount not to exceed \$30,000.00, 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. Ardoin, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to pass a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Owen J. Bordelon, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and to further authorize the President 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. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to pass a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Connick and Connick, LLC, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption

of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and to further authorize the President 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. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

RECUSED: None

It was moved by Gauthé, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to pass a resolution of the Board of Commissioners for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West to authorize the President to negotiate a contract for legal services for two fiscal years with Pickering and Cotogno, at an amount not to exceed \$65,000.00 per year, subject to the adoption of SLFPA-W's budget for the fiscal years July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2023 and July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2024, and to further authorize the President 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. Ardoin, Mr. Burke, Mr. Galloway, Mr. Gauthé, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Thomas

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Foster

RECUSED: None

Mr. Burke announced the next board meeting of the Authority is to be held Tuesday, August 30, 2022, at the SLFPA-W – Office – Board Room, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at 4:00 P.M.

The agenda being completed, Mr. Burke declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 4:22 P.M.