

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Finance, Administration, Legal & Public Information Committee Meeting
Tuesday, December 10, 2013

The Finance, Administration, Legal, and Public Information (FALPI) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 with the following members present: Mr. Camnetar, Chairman, Mr. Dauphin and Ms. Maclay. Mr. Miserendino, Mr. Roark, Mr. Strong, Mr. Bosch, Ms. Ford, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Lestelle, public information, and Mr. Avant, legal counsel were also in attendance. Mr. Merritt was in attendance as a member of the public.

Mr. Camnetar called the meeting to order in the Commissioners' meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana at approximately 6:10 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 November 14, 2013, as amended.

Mr. Bosch presented the check register and financial statements for SLFPA-W and its member districts. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend these reports for approval by the Board.

Mr. Bosch presented the 2014 amended budget. He will continue to update the Committee at every monthly meeting.

The Committee reviewed Commissioners' expense reports, and approved them for payment.

Mr. Miserendino provided a copy of the Emergency Fund Policy that is under consideration to amend and re-enact. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Miserendino provided a copy of a new Capital Project Fund Policy that is under consideration to enact. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

In Other Matters, Ms. Maclay led a discussion on the protocol for negotiating and executing agreements with vendors and consultants. After discussion, it was agreed that this protocol is covered in the bylaws. Ms. Maclay requested that Mr. Camnetar amend certain budget line items, to which Mr. Camnetar agreed.

The discussion about raising the President's purchasing limit was deferred until Mr. Merritt is officially part of the FALPI Committee.

Mr. Avant gave a presentation on the statutes that define the roles and responsibilities of SLFPA-W versus the roles and responsibilities of CPRA. The Committee agreed that the statute is clear on the roles of each agency and requires no action.

Ms. Maclay led a discussion about the Strategic Plan. She will update the Committee again at next month's meeting.

The Committee discussed the Board and Committee meeting schedules for 2014. The schedules will be finalized at the Board meeting.

Ms. Maclay led a discussion on the loss of the SLFPA-W's standing Civil Service Attorney, and suggested various options. There was a consensus to see if it would be feasible to find retired Civil Service HR consultants who might be able to provide services.

Ms. Maclay led a discussion on the creation of a SLFPA-W Policy and/or Procedure for FEMA claim reimbursements. After discussion, the Committee felt no policy was necessary. No action was taken.

Mr. Camnetar announced that the next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at 7:30 AM in the Commissioner's meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 7:21 PM.