

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – WEST (SLFPA – W)
Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 25, 2015

The SLFPA – W Board of Commissioners met at approximately 5:37 PM on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 in the Board Room at Our Lady of Holy Cross College, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70131.

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

In attendance were: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Ms. Maclay, Mr. Merritt, and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Julien arrived at approximately 5:55 PM. Also in attendance were: Mr. Bosch, Mr. Monzon, Ms. Noll, Mr. Noel, Mr. Avant, legal counsel, Mr. Pickering, legal counsel, Mr. Kemp, legal counsel, and Mr. Ehrhardt, public information.

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

It was moved by Mr. Wilkinson, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to accept and approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 special meeting.

It was moved by Mr. Dauphin and seconded by Mr. Gaddy to accept and approve the minutes of the January 20, 2015 regular meeting.

The foregoing motion was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Gaddy, Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Julien

ABSTAIN: Mr. Merritt

RECUSED: None

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Gaddy, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to affirm the agenda.

In Public Comments, Mr. David Siegel, a resident of Algiers, spoke in support of the referendum for increased millage for flood protection.

Ms. Maclay opened a public hearing at approximately 5:44 PM to discuss approval of the proposed amended budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015. Mr. Camnetar presented the budget, summarized the process to date, and what to expect in the coming months. After discussion and no public comments, the public hearing was closed at approximately 5:52PM.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Merritt, and unanimously approved by the Commissioners in attendance to approve the amended budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – West and its member districts for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2015, as enumerated in the presentation.

Mr. Avant presented information on the Attorney General's opinion regarding the Western Closure Complex. Mr. Julien arrived during this presentation at approximately 5:55 PM.

Mr. Pickering led a discussion on the special ad valorem taxes. Mr. Ehrhardt provided an update on the preparations for the millage election and Mr. Monzon provided updated calculations to consider. A draft resolution will be presented at the March Committee meetings.

Ms. Maclay provided the President's report for the month of February.

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

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

Mr. Merritt provided an update on environmental and research issues as noted in Attachment A, on the importance of foundation stability, and which will be provided to the public upon request.

Mr. Monzon provided the Regional Director's report for the month of February.

It was moved by Mr. Camnetar, seconded by Mr. Dauphin, 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. Camnetar and seconded by Mr. Julien to authorize the administration to purchase a software equipment module from JBM Technologies, at an amount not to exceed \$120,000 with \$50,000 already budgeted in Fiscal Year 2014 – 2015 and \$70,000 to be budgeted in Fiscal Year 2015 – 2016.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Camnetar, Mr. Dauphin, Mr. Julien, Mr. Wilkinson

NAYS: Mr. Gaddy and Mr. Merritt

ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

RECUSED: None

Ms. Maclay announced that for the next regular meeting of the Authority will be held at Our Lady of Holy Cross College – Moreau Center, 4123 Woodland Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana, 70131, on Wednesday, March 25, 2015 at 5:30 PM; however, this meeting date is likely to change due to a scheduling conflict with a key staff member who needs to be in attendance.

The agenda being completed, Ms. Maclay declared the meeting adjourned at approximately 7:16 PM.

Susan H. Maclay, President

Edward L. Camnetar, Secretary-Treasurer