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

Technical, Operations, and Maintenance Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 12, 2012

The Technical, Operations, and Maintenance (TOM) Committee of the SLFPA-W met on September 12, 2012 with the following members present: Mr. Viera, chairman and Mr. Wilkinson. Mr. Merritt was absent. Also in attendance were Mr. Roark, Mr. Caluda, Mr. Miserendino (late arrival), Mr. Connell from the USACE, and a representative from CPRA. Mr. Merritt observed the meeting via Skype.

Mr. Viera called the meeting to order in the Commissioners’ meeting room at the SLFPA-W Office, 7001 River Road, Marrero, Louisiana, at approximately 1:04 PM.

The Committee unanimously approved the agenda as presented.

There were no public comments.

The Committee reviewed and unanimously approved the minutes from the previous meeting, dated June 25, 2012.

Mr. Viera adjourned the meeting at approximately 1:07 PM, for the Commissioners’ site visits to WBV-21 (Old Westwego PS), WBV-23 (New Estelle PS) and WBV-30 (Westminster PS).

Upon the conclusion of the site visit, Mr. Viera reconvened the meeting at approximately 2:30 PM. Mr. Miserendino arrived at the meeting at this time.

Mr. Roark and the Committee agreed to visit WBV-4.2, WBV-5.2, MRL-7.1 and WBV-47.1 on September 24, 2012, beginning at 1:00 PM.

 Mr. Viera announced that he would attend a meeting with CPRA and the USACE to discuss a possible resolution to the ongoing issues of WBV-14c.2. He brought Mr. Merritt into the conversation to discuss his thoughts on how the Tiger Team activities could contribute to the remediation process. The Committee agreed to postpone further discussion on this until knowing the outcome of Mr. Viera’s meeting with CPRA and the USACE.

 Mr. Miserendino reported on Hurricane Isaac, and provided a critique of the emergency response and a preliminary summary of expenses incurred.

Mr. Caluda reported on the operation of WBV-90 (West Closure Complex) during Hurricane Isaac, and briefed the Committee on its status. Mr. Connell from the USACE provided additional information that contributed to Mr. Caluda’s report.

Mr. Miserendino explained the process of engaging the services of a consulting engineer for SLFPA-W. The Committee agreed to have further discussion with Ms. Maclay before moving forward.

Mr. Miserendino provided an update on the levee armoring project.

Mr. Miserendino explained a resolution to acquire acquisition of servitudes for the construction of WBV-16.2, Bayou Segnette Complex. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Miserendino explained a resolution to acquire acquisition of servitudes for the construction of Mississippi River Levee, Huey P. Long Seepage Control Project. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Miserendino explained a resolution to acquire acquisition of servitudes for the construction of Mississippi River Levee, Algiers Seepage Control Project. The Committee unanimously agreed to recommend approval by the Board.

Mr. Wilkinson requested an update on the levee condition program that was developed by the USACE several years ago. Mr. Miserendino advised him that the program was working smoothly.

The next regularly scheduled Committee meeting will be held on Monday, October 22, 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 4:16 PM.