

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 15, 2017**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or SLFPA-E) was held on June 15, 2017, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Hassinger called the meeting to order at 11:25 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. He called for a moment of silence in recognition of the incident that occurred outside of Washington, D.C., involving Congressman Scalise. Mr. Luettich called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., President
Richard A. Luettich, Jr., Vice President
Clay A. Cosse
Quentin D. Dastugue
Andrew J. Englande
Herbert I. Miller

ABSENT:

G. Paul Kemp, Secretary
Mark L. Morgan, Treasurer
Jason P. Latiolais

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Hassinger requested the deferral of Items XIII.A.1 and A.2 under New Business relative to the proposed transfer of the pumping and drainage responsibilities from the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) to St. Bernard Parish. He explained that the items were placed on the agenda as a placeholder in the event a resolution of the issues was accomplished during discussions with St. Bernard Parish officials; however, thus far a resolution of the issues has not been accomplished.

Mr. Dastugue offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Luettich, to amend the agenda to include the adoption of a resolution to express the Authority's gratitude for the support that Congressman Scalise provided over the years to the Authority and to wish the Congressman a speedy recovery. There were no public comments on the amendment of the agenda. The amendment was unanimously adopted by a roll call vote. A motion was offered by Mr. Luettich, seconded by Mr. Cosse and unanimously adopted, to adopt the amended agenda.

Mr. Dastugue commented that Steve Scalise was a young man growing up in his neighborhood when he was serving in the State Legislature. When Mr. Dastugue decided not to run after sixteen years, Steve Scalise was elected to the State Legislature and quickly rose in the ranks to the Louisiana Senate and the U.S. Congress, and is now the third highest ranking member of the House of Representatives. Congressman Scalise currently holds the highest position held by anyone from Louisiana since Hale Boggs. He added that Congressman Scalise is extremely likeable and a wonderful human being. He stated that last week's event was truly a tragedy and urged the adoption of the resolution.

Mr. Miller commented that Congressman Scalise grew up about five houses away from his home; therefore, he has known the Congressman for quite some time. He agreed with Mr. Dastugue's comments and stated that Congressman Scalise has been an outstanding Representative.

On the motion of Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Luettich, and Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-01

WHEREAS, Congressman Stephen J. Scalise began his career in public office in 1995, serving twelve years in the Louisiana House of Representatives and in the Louisiana State Senate; and

WHEREAS, due to his record of uncompromising public service, Stephen Scalise was elected in 2008 to serve as Representative for Louisiana's 1st Congressional District and is currently serving his fifth term in the U.S. House of Representatives becoming the dean of the Louisiana Congressional delegation; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Scalise was elected by his colleagues to serve as the U.S. House of Representatives Majority Whip becoming the third highest ranking member of the House of Representatives; and

WHEREAS, Congressman Scalise is a staunch advocate for Louisiana, and following the BP oil rig explosion in the Gulf of Mexico, which resulted in the largest oil spill in U.S. history, worked diligently to ensure the passage of legislation to assure that billions of dollars in BP Clean Water Act fines are dedicated to the Gulf Coast through the RESTORE Act; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career Congressman Scalise has been a supporter and advocate for coastal protection and restoration, flood protection and hurricane preparedness, and has supported the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Flood Authority) and in its vitally important mission; and

WHEREAS, due to his dedication, professionalism, leadership and hard work, Congressman Scalise has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues, his constituency, and all those who have worked with him; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Authority was saddened to learn that Congressman Scalise was wounded during the tragic shooting that took place on June 14, 2017 in Alexandria, Virginia.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East expresses its gratitude and appreciation to Congressman Stephen J. Scalise for his dedicated service to his country, his commitment and contribution to the citizens of Louisiana, and his support of the Flood Authority, and its sincerest wishes for a speedy recovery.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Clay A. Cosse, Quentin D. Dastugue, Andrew J. Englande,
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., Richard A. Luettich, Jr., and Herbert I. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: G. Paul Kemp, Jason P. Latiolais and Mark L. Morgan

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-02 –
APPROVAL OF MAY 18, 2017 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 18, 2017.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:

Mr. Hassinger explained that the Authority takes the opportunity each month to recognize employees who have demonstrated commitment, skill and knowledge that is critical to the Authority's success. The Board recognized Glenda Boudreaux, Administrator for the Authority, and read the following comments from staff. "Glenda Boudreaux has worked with Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) for 41 years and with the State of Louisiana for 44 years. We are not ready for her to retire and want to take this opportunity to commend her for exceptional service to the O.L.D. and, beginning in 2007, the SLFPA-E. Glenda is dedicated, loyal, and without exception goes the extra mile to share her knowledge and expertise with others. New team members quickly learn that Glenda is the keeper of historical context and an invaluable resource, providing answers to the questions no one else can. She is always focused on the work, which she completes early and precisely with attention to detail, no matter the challenge at hand. Glenda's contributions to the O.L.D. and to the Authority are far reaching as there are few projects or administrative processes in which she has not assisted. Accurately and completely describing Glenda's vast array of duties and range of responsibilities during her 41 years with flood protection is an impossibility. From contracts and records management to transcription of board minutes to issuing keys and serving all personnel. Glenda's

organizational skills are impeccable and she creates systems that are efficient and effective. Her minutes are administrative works of art, unrivaled in consistency, accuracy, and clarity. Her ability to remember and prepare for seemingly every eventuality is a superpower and SLFPA-E Board and committee meetings transpire smoothly and with great success because of her efforts. Glenda's latest noteworthy accomplishment includes the creation, design, writing, and publication of the Authority's first employee newsletter titled "In the Levee Loop". Coordinating articles, photographs, announcements, and other featured information is no easy task and Glenda frequently works on this project on her personal time. She believes this is an important tool to encourage transparency, convey information, and receive feedback from every employee in the region, making it a true labor of love. It has been a great success as the fifth edition was released this week. Glenda is a steady and dependable presence in our agency that resolutely holds the mission of flood protection and her colleagues express the utmost respect, appreciation, and love for her. In addition to being an invaluable asset to the Authority, Glenda is a person of great integrity and humility. When you least expect it, she will show you that her heart is strong, kind, and immense. We are grateful for everything she does for the Authority, and we strongly support recognition of Glenda Boudreaux as Employee of the Month." Mr. Hassinger presented a certificate of commendation to Ms. Boudreaux recognizing her as Employee of the Month.

Mr. Hassinger recognized Mark Fos, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Police Department Administrative Assistant. He stated that the comments he heard about Mr. Fos are unequalled and that a number of EJLD employees and retirees were at today's meeting to express how important Mr. Fos has been in their professional lives. Mr. Fos was hired in 1990 as a dispatcher and became the Administrative Assistant in 1993. He oversees purchasing, daily records and paperwork, assists in formulating policy and procedures, and also assists the Authority's Police Superintendent. He supports all radio and telecommunications for the agency – leading Authority hurricane season radio checks, coordinating interoperability with the Jefferson Parish Sheriff Office and the Louisiana State Police, and has been the department TAC, Terminal Agency Coordinator, since 2006. Mr. Fos is the glue that holds East Jefferson together, motivating everyone that has ever had the pleasure to come in contact with him. He will not be outworked, possesses a can-do mentality and is an inspiration to all. He is the best co-worker one could ask for, who helps everyone and is someone you want to emulate. Mr. Fos is also an excellent chef, cooking his world famous red beans and jambalaya for the agency during Night Out Against Crime and also during hurricane season. Superintendent Kerry Najolia commented that Mark Fos is an inspiration to all of his co-workers. Mr. Hassinger presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Fos recognizing him as the Police Department Employee of the Month.

Mr. Hassinger recognized P/O Myron Beaulieu who will be retiring from the Orleans Levee District Police Department on June 18, 2017. P/O Beaulieu started on December 29, 1986. He worked for 30 years on every platoon and endured several strong hurricanes in his career. P/O Beaulieu was a low key employee who did anything requested of him. The Authority expressed its appreciation and gratitude to P/O Beaulieu for 30 years of outstanding public service and commitment.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2017

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Miller offered and Mr. Luettich seconded the nomination of Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr. There were no further nominations. Mr. Hassinger was elected to fill the office of President by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Miller offered and Mr. Hassinger seconded the nomination of Richard A. Luettich, Jr. There were no further nominations. Mr. Luettich was elected to fill the office of Vice President by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Cosse offered and Mr. Miller seconded the nomination of Mark L. Morgan. There were no further nominations. Mr. Morgan was elected to fill the office of Treasurer by a unanimous vote of the Board.

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of Secretary. Mr. Miller offered and Mr. Cosse seconded the nomination of G. Paul Kemp. There were no further nominations. Mr. Kemp was elected to fill the office of Secretary by a unanimous vote of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-03 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS

“A resolution stating the results of the election of Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East for a term of one year commencing July 1, 2017.”

WHEREAS, the Board adopted revised Bylaws at a Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2009, which provide in part for the designation and election of Officers of the Board; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 (Officers and Elections), designates the officers as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected from among the members of the Board at the regularly scheduled June meeting; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 1 further provides that officers shall assume their duties on July 1st; and

WHEREAS, Article IV, Section 2, provides that officers shall be elected to serve one year terms.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that, in accordance with elections held this date, the Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East shall be as follows for the term commencing July 1, 2017:

President – Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr.

Vice President – Richard A. Luettich, Jr.

Treasurer – Mark L. Morgan

Secretary – G. Paul Kemp

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mr. Hassinger reported that the I-Storm Annual Meeting is being held this week in New Orleans. I-Storm is an international network of storm barrier professionals from throughout the world. Approximately 50 members have visited various structures within the Authority's jurisdiction and are visiting the West Closure Complex today. The purpose of the I-Storm meetings is to share knowledge, experiences, challenges and successes. He stated that the I-Storm members are an extremely impressive group of individuals. The I-Storm members presented a gift to the Authority that depicts water, the Maeslantkering Barrier and people working in cooperation. He commented on the positive feedback from various members regarding the well organized and executed plans since arriving in New Orleans. He thanked Robert Turner, Roger Colwell, Stevan Spencer, Gerry Gillen and everyone who participated in making the meeting a success. He added that several UK members requested that representatives of the Authority, including Elbert Williams, O.L.D. Foreman for the Complex Structures, visit their country later in the year in order to relay their experiences and successes.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tim Avenyo, representing Eagan Insurance Agency (Eagan), commented that Eagan is a locally owned company. The Authority last month voted to appoint a national broker as its exclusive broker for its property and casualty insurance program without a selection process. He commented that Eagan has represented the Orleans Levee District for the past 30 years and during that time participated in bidding processes. He commented that Eagan became aware of the Authority's plan to select a single broker just prior to the May Board meeting and that they were prepared to offer a reduced premium for the July 1st coverage renewal. He commented that the broker selected by the Authority promised substantial savings for its future insurance program; however, he did not believe that this would happen. He requested that the Authority vote to rescind its selection of a single broker and provided Eagan's reasons for this request.

Roy Arrigo commented that it is against the law to spend one parish's property tax monies in another parish. Since the creation of the Authority, the parish that contributes the least in taxes has sought to control the money, power and influence of the Board. The President of the Board during most of the Authority's existence was a lifelong resident of that least contributing parish. The Authority's Executive Director and Board positions specifically reserved for members who were not residents of the three parishes were filled with longtime residents of that least contributing parish who did not move back after Hurricane Katrina, but continued to own property and pay property

taxes in that parish. Numerous financial arrangements were made that benefited St. Bernard Parish to the detriment of Orleans Parish. Secret agreements were made where Orleans Parish would pay 90 percent of St. Bernard Parish's cost, and now the Authority is faced with complaints from St. Bernard Parish that the 10 percent is even more than they want to pay. Other arrangements transferred millions of dollars of Orleans Parish property tax money to St. Bernard Parish under the pretense of being a loan, yet this loan included no arrangement for repayment. He stated that how much tax money is to be spent in St. Bernard Parish is not the decision of the Board—it's the decision of the voters in St. Bernard Parish. The Board's decision is to determine how much of that money is to be spent on the Federal flood protection system and how much is to be spent outside of the Authority's mission on drainage. He suggested putting 100 percent of St. Bernard Parish's millage towards the flood protection system, and allowing St. Bernard Parish Government to decide whether it wants to send someone to turn on the pumps for local drainage as is done in Jefferson and Orleans Parishes. He stated that the Authority not only has the authority to collect what is due on the loans from St. Bernard Parish, but is obligated to do so in order to bring the Authority into compliance with the law.

Randy Maddox, President of Morrison Insurance Agency (Morrison), read an open letter to the Authority explaining that Morrison has written all or part of the casualty insurance for the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) since 1992. He asked the reason for Morrison's termination without cause at last month's Board meeting and for being replaced without the issuance of a request for proposal. He commented on Morrison's presentation of LWCC's final renewal quote to Carol Kiefer, O.L.D. Safety-Risk Manager, several days prior to the May Board meeting. He commented on the Board's selection of a single agent who promised savings, on Morrison's level of service through the years and on LWCC's payment to the O.L.D. of \$1.3 million since 2004 in retrospective premium adjustments and dividends. He requested that the Board rescind its selection of an agent of record and restore Morrison as its insurance agent.

PRESENTATIONS: None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee did not meet during the month of June.

Operations Committees: Mr. Miller reported that the Operations Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee reviewed and recommended that the Board approve all four items that were on the agenda and forwarded to the Board for action.

Coastal Advisory Committee: The Coastal Advisory Committee did not meet during the month of June.

REPORT BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER (CAO):

Derek Boese, CAO, provided a status report on the following items:

- Organizational restructuring – Staff is moving forward on multiple fronts. The organization chart is about 99 percent complete. A final draft of the chart is anticipated to be provided to the President next week and the chart finalized immediately thereafter and forwarded to Civil Service.
- Timekeeping and payroll – Staff met with ADP concerning standardization of payroll. The HR Director will meet with ADP representatives relative to the HR process. The Benefits Working Group met a number of times concerning various procedures and processes in order to bring about consistencies and a migration of all of the entities into a single organization.
- Fuel contracts – Staff is investigating potential savings and consistencies. Currently, three different vendors are being utilized; therefore, the vehicles at this time cannot be fueled across levee districts.
- Space study – The consultant conducted interviews over the past week with department heads and key staff. The CAO will meet with the consultant tomorrow to review the results of the interviews. A draft report is anticipated next week. The targeted completion date of November 1st was selected for the project (including construction and relocation of offices) based on guidance from the President.
- The Regional Finance Director and HR Director have relocated their offices to the O.L.D. Franklin Avenue Facility where a majority of the Finance and HR staff are located. The organization has already seen the benefit of improved coordination.
- Leadership training - The HR Director and Superintendent of Police are working on a leadership training program. The program will begin with police personnel and will be extended to include all supervisory and management personnel. Police personnel were chosen for the initial program since they are least impacted by the current restructuring. In addition, the consultant recommended by the Superintendent of Police has had great success with the Jefferson Parish Sherriff Office and a number of different agencies.
- Information technology (IT) – The wireless upgrade is ongoing and is expected to be completed next week. The O.L.D. Board Room audio-visual (AV) situation is being examined for potential improvements.

REPORT BY DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING AND OPERATIONS (DEO):

Robert Turner, DEO, was participating in the I-Storm meeting and therefore unable to attend the Board meeting. Mr. Boese provided the status of the following major construction projects:

- East Jefferson Lakefront Levee Lift Project – The project is currently on schedule and is anticipated to be completed (not including grass growth) in early or mid-July. Staff is coordinating with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the turnover of the levee for armoring. The USACE is expected to advertise the first

armoring contract at the end of June and is anticipated to begin armoring the lakefront reaches in August. Mr. Boese explained the reason for the increase in the construction cost for the levee lift project. The initial surveys were done in 2014. The cross sections used during the design process were taken every 400 feet (USACE standard spacing); however, the contractor is taking cross sections every 100-feet. Therefore, the contractor's estimate is more refined.

- EJLD safehouse and consolidated facility – The Board authorized the award of the contract at its May meeting. Some of the construction has been delayed due to the high Mississippi River level.
- Mississippi River Levee – Inspections are going well with good integration of the operations and maintenance and police personnel from the three levee districts.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-04 - SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR SLFPA-E, E.J.L.D., O.L.D. AND LBBLD

Mr. Boese explained that proposals to serve as the official journal for the SLFPA-E, EJLD and O.L.D. were requested from the New Orleans Advocate and Times Picayune. The rate quoted by the Times Picayune was significantly less; therefore, staff recommended the selection of the Times Picayune as the official journal for the SLFPA-E, EJLD and O.L.D. The St. Bernard Voice is the only journal that meets the statutory requirements to serve as the office journal for the LBBLD.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Cosse, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, R.S. 43:171 provides that levee districts and other political subdivisions shall have the proceedings of their board and such financial statements required by the legislative auditor published in a newspaper, which shall be selected at the first meeting in June of each year for a term of one year; and

WHEREAS, R.S. 43:171 further provides that the newspaper shall meet certain criteria relative to location and publication; and

WHEREAS, the Times Picayune meets the aforementioned criteria for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, East Jefferson Levee District and Orleans Levee District; and

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Voice meets the aforementioned criteria for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Times Picayune is hereby selected as the Official Journal for publications as required under R.S. 43:171 for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, East Jefferson Levee District and Orleans Levee District for a one year term commencing on July 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the St. Bernard Voice is hereby selected as the Official Journal for publications as required under R.S. 43:171 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for a one year term commencing on July 1, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E President or Chief Administrative Officer are authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-05 – O.L.D. FY 2017 BUDGET REVISIONS

Kelli Chandler, Regional Finance Director, advised that the revised budget reflects the payment to the State of the past due amount that was owed on the GoZone Bonds.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,

Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 03-17-16-06, the Board approved the budget for the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) for Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 to provide for required expenditures for personnel services, contractual and professional services, operating supplies, equipment, annual debt service, and capital projects; and

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of management to appraise the Board whenever actual expenditures plus other uses of funds are expected to be greater than budgeted or if revenue is expected to fall below budget; and

WHEREAS, actual expenditures plus other uses of funds are projected to be 26.29% greater than originally budgeted. The increase in other uses of funds is due to the \$12,728,456 debt service payment made in March, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Resolution 02-16-17-05 expressed the Board's desire to begin repayment of the interest and principal due on the Gulf Zone Bonds and authorized the O.L.D. Executive Director or the SLFPA-E President to amend the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) in order to process payment of the indebtedness; and

WHEREAS, the CEA was amended on February 24, 2017 and the O.L.D. submitted payment of \$12,728,456 to the State of Louisiana Treasury on March 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the O.L.D. has identified funding in the amount of \$2 million for escrow for FY 2017 for the required significant, periodic maintenance of the complex structures; and

WHEREAS, the O.L.D. has identified funding in the amount of \$1 million for escrow for FY 2017 for Other Post-Employment Benefits; and

WHEREAS, the following summarized adjustments are determined to reflect the currently projected financial results of the O.L.D. on the latest revenue and expenditure information:

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
AMENDED BUDGET –GENERAL FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

<u>REVENUES:</u>	CURRENT BUDGET JUNE 30, 2017	PROPOSED AMENDED ITEMS	PROPOSED FY 2017 BUDGET
Revenue	21,128,316		21,128,316
Total Revenues	\$21,128,316	\$0	\$21,128,316
<u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Personnel services	12,080,100		0
Travel	83,200		0
Contractual services	485,300		0
Materials and supplies	2,325,300		0
Professional services	1,375,800		0
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates	845,242		0
Machinery and equipment	906,950		0
Other Charges	812,316		0
Total Expenditures	\$18,914,208	\$0	\$18,914,208
<u>OTHER SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfer to Debt Service	0	(4,645,876)	(4,645,876)
Transfer to Other Agencies	0		0
Litigation	(250,000)		(250,000)
Total Other Sources (Uses)	(250,000)	(4,645,876)	(\$4,895,876)
NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	\$1,964,108	(4,645,876)	(2,681,768)
Fund Balance Beg of Yr – Unassigned	39,452,747		39,452,747
Fund Bal Beg of Yr - Restricted	762,405		762,405
Fund Bal Beg of Yr – Assigned			
Fund Bal Beg of Yr - Committed	4,821,089		4,821,089
TOTAL FUND BAL BEG OF YEAR	\$45,036,241	\$0	\$45,036,241
Fund Bal End of Yr – Unassigned	41,416,855	(5,645,876)	35,770,979
Fund Bal End of Yr – Restricted	762,405		762,405
Fund Bal End of Yr – Assigned			
Fund Bal End of Yr - Committed	4,821,089	1,000,000	5,821,089
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$47,000,349	(\$4,645,876)	\$42,354,473

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
AMENDED BUDGET –SLIP FUND
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2017**

<u>REVENUES:</u>	CURRENT BUDGET JUNE 30, 2017	PROPOSED AMENDED ITEMS	PROPOSED FY 2017 BUDGET
Revenue	18,975,123		18,975,123
Total Revenues	\$18,975,123		\$18,975,123
 <u>EXPENDITURES</u>			
Personnel services			
Travel			
Contractual services	26,649,200		26,649,200
Materials and supplies			
Professional services			
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates			
Machinery and equipment			
Other Charges	775,123		775,123
Total Expenditures	\$27,424,323		\$27,424,323
 <u>OTHER SOURCES (USES)</u>			
Transfer to Debt Service	0	(8,082,580)	(8,082,580)
Transfer to Other Agencies	(1,824,075)		(1,824,075)
Litigation	0		0
Total Other Sources (Uses)	(\$1,824,975)	(8,082,580)	(\$9,906,655)
 NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(\$10,274,175)		
 Fund Balance Beg of Yr – Unassigned	0		
Fund Bal Beg of Yr - Restricted	1,298,149		
Fund Bal Beg of Yr – Assigned	61,225,705		
Fund Bal Beg of Yr - Committed	6,010,236		
TOTAL FUND BAL BEG OF YEAR	\$68,534,090		
 Fund Bal End of Yr – Unassigned	0		
Fund Bal End of Yr – Restricted	1,298,149		1,298,580
Fund Bal End of Yr – Assigned	50,951,530	(10,082,580)	40,868,951
Fund Bal End of Yr - Committed	6,010,236	2,000,000	8,010,236
FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	\$58,259,915	(\$8,082,580)	\$50,177,336

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the revisions to the Fiscal Year 2017 Orleans Levee District General Fund and SLIP Fund Budgets are approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-06 - AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-17-09-07

Ms. Chandler advised that a resolution is required to update check signatories for the Community Development Block Grant Program account.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East adopted Resolution No. 09-17-09-07 relative to the State of Louisiana Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Disaster Recovery Program administered by the Division of Administration; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary under the program regulations to authorize certain actions and the individuals to perform certain designated functions by the State; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 11-17-16-03 authorized the amendment of Section II - Requisition of Funds of Resolution No. 09-17-09-07, in part to read as follows:

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., Mark L. Morgan, and Robert A. Turner, Jr., are hereby authorized to sign checks written on the CDBG account.”

WHEREAS, an additional amendment of Resolution No. 09-17-09-07 is required to reflect current authorizations.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East amends Section II - Requisition of Funds of Resolution No. 09-17-09-07, in part to read as follows:

“**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., Mark L. Morgan, and Robert A. Turner, Jr., and Derek E. Boese are hereby authorized to sign checks written on the CDBG account.”

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all prior amendments to Section II - Requisition of Funds of Resolution No. 09-17-09-07 relative to CDBG check signatories are no longer in effect.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-07 - LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRES

Ms. Chandler advised that she completed the compliance questionnaires. The compliance questionnaires are required by the Government Audit Guide and must be provided to the Auditor.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, Section 327.08 of the Louisiana Governmental Audit Guide (the Guide) specifies that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of any audit of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Guide further specifies that the responses contained in the questionnaire should be reviewed by the governing body and approved in an open meeting.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the representations made by management in the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPAE), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E President, SLFPA-E Secretary and SLFPA-E Treasurer are authorized to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-08 – AUTHORIZING THE HIRING OF FOLEY JUDELL, LLC

Ms. Chandler explained that she met with a representative from the Raymond James investment firm relative to a review of the O.L.D.'s GoZone Bonds to determine the possibility of refinancing the bonds at a lower interest rate. Raymond James recommended that Bond Counsel be retained to determine certain factors relative to the refinancing (e.g., tax exempt versus taxable and private issue versus public offering). A recommendation will be provided to the Board relative to the potential refinancing.

Nyka Scott, Executive Counsel, commented that Foley Judel is probably the premium bond firm in the City of New Orleans; therefore, she recommended that the firm be retained.

Ms. Chandler added that she would welcome a discussion with the State regarding an early repayment of the bonds should the State forgive some of the interest.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Englande, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District (Orleans Levee Board), adopted Resolution No. 12-052306 which authorized the Orleans Levee District to participate in the State of Louisiana's Gulf Tax Credit Bonds Program through the issuance of Bonds not to exceed \$27,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District subsequently entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana to borrow \$26,125,670.50 at an interest rate of 4.64 percent through the aforementioned program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) Board of Commissioners, the successor to the Orleans Levee Board, desires to develop a plan to refinance the Orleans Levee District's debt obligation, which may include a private placement or a public offering; and

WHEREAS, this requires specific expertise of the subject matter involved in the refinancing public debt that in-house counsel cannot provide; and

WHEREAS, Executive Counsel has recommended that the firm of Foley Judell, LLP be retained to represent the SLFPA-E and/or Orleans Levee District in this matter and to provide/consultation on other matters as requested.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E authorizes Executive Counsel to retain the firm of Foley Judell, LLP to represent the Orleans Levee District in regard to refinancing the Orleans Levee District's debt obligation,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E Chief Administrative Office or SLFPA-E President is authorized to execute the contract with Foley Judell, LLP after such contract is approved by Executive Counsel.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-09 - RETAINING THE FIRM OF RAYMOND JAMES AS BOND PLACEMENT AGENT/UNDERWRITER

Ms. Chandler advised that the resolution allows the retention of Raymond James to serve as underwriter and placement agent should the Authority move forward with the reissue. Costs, analyses and options will be provided to the Board prior to the Authority moving forward.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

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Levee District to participate in the State of Louisiana's Gulf Tax Credit Bonds Program through the issuance of Bonds not to exceed \$27,000,000; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District subsequently entered into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the State of Louisiana to borrow \$26,125,670.50 at an interest rate of 4.64 percent through the aforementioned program; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) Board of Commissioners, the successor to the Orleans Levee Board, desires to develop a plan to refinance the Orleans Levee District's debt obligation, which may include a private placement or a public offering; and

WHEREAS, all fees and expenses will be contingent upon the successful refinancing of the debt and approval from the SLFPA-E and the State Bond Commission.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the firm of Raymond James be retained as the bond placement agent/underwriter to develop and present a plan for refinancing of the current debt to the Board of Commissioners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to execute an agreement with Raymond James, and to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-10 - LONDON AVENUE CANAL LEVEE REPAIRS

Felton Suthon, O.L.D. Engineer, explained that bids are requested from four or five contractors on projects that are estimated at or below \$150,000. Staff seeks contractors with whom the Authority has had positive past experiences and is open to suggestions regarding additional contractors. The consultant's initial estimate for the project was \$24,000; however, he reconsidered the estimate and recommended that the contract be awarded to Cycle Construction Company, LLC. The project is very small; therefore, there are no economies of scale. In addition, the access to the site is very tight with a single entrance/exit for site.

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

Seconded by Mr. Cosse, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the protected side toe of the London Avenue Canal east side levee is holding water north of Dillard University due to the overbuilt Parks and Parkways property; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on May 2, 2017, for the London Avenue Canal Levee Repair Project, and the results were as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Cycle Construction Company, LLC	\$63,449.00
D&D Construction Company, Inc.	\$121,000.00
Anders Construction, Inc.	NO BID

WHEREAS, funds for this project are available from the approved FY 2017 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (SLFPA-E) authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$63,449.00 to Cycle Construction Company, LLC for the London Avenue Canal Levee Repair Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E Director of Engineering and Operations is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned contract in the amount of \$63,449.00 with Cycle Construction Company, LLC, and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-11 - LAKESHORE DRIVE REPAIRS

Mr. Suthon advised that bids were requested from three paving firms. The 400-feet of Lakeshore Drive immediately west of Franklin Avenue is extremely choppy and staff is attempting to expedite the project. TKTMJ is currently working on seawall erosion project in the same location. The estimated project budget was approximately \$80,000 (approximately 20,000 sq. ft.).

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

Seconded by Mr. Cosse, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the deteriorating condition of Lakeshore Drive west of Franklin Avenue has become a hazard to people traveling on Lakeshore Drive; and

WHEREAS, bids were received on May 23, 2017 for the Lakeshore Drive Repair Project, and the results were as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Fleming Construction Company, LLC	\$76,020.00
Boh Brothers Construction Company, LLC	\$86,100.00
Cycle Construction Company, LLC	NO BID

WHEREAS, funds for this project are available from the approved FY 2017 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (SLFPA-E) authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$76,020.00 to Fleming Construction Company, LLC for the Lakeshore Drive Repair Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E Director of Engineering and Operations is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned contract in the amount of \$76,020.00 with Fleming Construction Company, LLC, and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-12 - CH2M STABILITY ANALYSIS- OUTFALL CANALS

Mr. Suthon explained that staff initially engaged Evans Graves for erosion mitigation along the outfall canals in order to proactively address the issue. Evans Graves prepared plans; however, the USACE requested that a slope stability analysis be done. CH2M (under the name of Black and Veatch) performed the previous stability analysis for the USACE; therefore, since the firm had the original information, it was tasked to perform the required analysis. CH2M was initially tasked to analyze the worst case locations. CH2M is now being tasked to perform the analysis on the remainder of the three outfall canals (17th Street, Orleans and London Avenue Canals).

Mr. Miller noted that the task order was brought to the Board for approval in accordance with the policy adopted by the Board relative to contracts with an accumulative value over \$50,000.

On the motion of Mr. Cosse,

Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District issued Task Order No. 09-02-04 in the amount of \$49,219 to CH2M under an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (IDIQ) contract dated December 12, 2012, to perform a stability analyses at worst-case locations along the 17th Street Canal; and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the stability analyses for the outfall canals, CH2M must complete the analyses along the Orleans Avenue Canal and the London Avenue Canal; and

WHEREAS, the cost for the additional stability analyses is \$49,730 (\$34,744 for the Orleans Avenue Canal and \$14,986 for London Avenue Canal); and

WHEREAS, Task Order No. 13-01-01 shall be issued in the not to exceed amount of \$49,730 for the Orleans Avenue Canal and the London Avenue Canal analyses under the ID-IQ contract dated January 13, 2017; and

WHEREAS, the total not to exceed cost of the Stability Analyses – Outfall Canals Project is \$98,949 (\$49,219 for Task Order No. 09-02-04 and \$49,730 for Task Order No. 13-01-01); and

WHEREAS, funds for the aforementioned project are available from the approved FY 2017 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (SLFPA-E) authorizes the issuance of Task Order No. 13-01-01 in a not to exceed amount of \$49,730 for the Orleans Avenue Canal and London Avenue Canal portion of the Stability Analyses – Outfall Canals Project, and further authorizes the SLFPA-E Director of Engineering and Operations to execute said task order and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-13 - PERMIT SOFTWARE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

Mr. Suthon explained that six proposals were received in response to the Authority's Request for Proposals. The selection team developed a short list of three firms: GCR, Inc., JBM Tech and Vinfomatix. The three short listed firms were interviewed by the selection team. The team graded the firms and recommended Vinfomatix. He commented that the scores were very close; however, Vinfomatix's potential long running costs seemed lower and the President of Vinfomatix was extremely impressive in the interview. The permitting software will tie into the Authority's GIS and archives. He commented on the amount of work that he and Deborah AbuNasar, Engineering Department Administrative Assistant, have done in attempting to organize and manage all of the permit documents issued in the past. The project is funded by a Community Development Block Grant.

Mr. Miller added that the software would allow an applicant to track a permit request on line as it proceeds through the permit process. Roman Dody, IT Director, commented on the level of coding that would go into the development of the software and on customized data base that must be built. The database and software will be the property of the Authority. Mr. Boese noted that the State had attempted to develop permitting software; however, the implementation of a master program did not come to fruition. Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Luettich suggested partnering with the West Authority on the project. Mr. Boese advised that he would reach out to the West Authority staff.

Mr. Hassinger thanked Mr. Suthon for his presentations at today's meeting and for all the work that he is doing, which is extremely valuable to the Authority.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) is in need of a Web-Based Permitting Program to bring more efficiency to operations across districts in the tracking and granting of permits; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana Office of Community Development, Disaster Recovery Unit (OCD-DRU) is providing Disaster Recovery Community Block Grant funding for the development of the aforementioned permitting software; and

WHEREAS, the SLFPA-E advertised and issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the development of a Web-based Permitting Software Management System; and

WHEREAS, the six Proposals submitted in response to the RFP were reviewed and competitively rated by a selection team comprised of Roger Colwell, SLFPA-E Geographic Project Supervisor, Felton Suthon, SLFPA-E Engineer, and Roman Dody, SLFPA-E IT Director, and a short list of three qualified firms was developed, consisting of GCR, Inc., JBM Tech and Vinfomatix; and

WHEREAS, the firms on the short list were interviewed and competitively rated by the selection team; and

WHEREAS, the selection team has recommended the selection of Vinfomatix to develop a Web-based Permitting Software Management System.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the selection of Vinfomatix to develop a Web-based Permitting Software Management System.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E Director of Engineering and Operations is hereby authorized to negotiate and execute a contract with Vinfomatix for the Web-based Permitting Software Management System.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. A&A Mechanical, et al vs. Patin Construction, Co., et al, in the Civil District Court of Orleans Parish, Civil Action No. 2012-6284 – Discussion regarding settlement.

A motion was offered by Mr. Luettich, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously adopted by a roll call vote, for the Board to convene in Executive Session to discuss the item listed on the agenda.

A motion was offered by Mr. Luettich, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously adopted, for the Board to reconvene in regular session.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-15-17-14 - A RESOLUTION OF THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST ACCEPTING EXECUTIVE COUNSEL'S SETTLEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS IN THE A&A MECHANICAL, ET AL VS. PATIN CONSTRUCTION CO., ET AL MATTER AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT OR CAO TO EXECUTE ALL SETTLEMENT, AND ANY OTHER DOCUMENTS, NECESSARY TO PERFECT THE SETTLEMENT OF THIS MATTER

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Englande, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, A&A Mechanical initiated litigation against Patin Construction and the Orleans Levee District in the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans (Civil Action No. 2012-6284) in regard to payments due to subcontractors and defective construction of the Orleans Levee District safe house; and

WHEREAS, Executive Counsel has advised the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Board that the parties have negotiated a settlement, in principal, of the litigation; and

WHEREAS, Executive Counsel recommends that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East agree to the settlement as recommended by Counsel; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary for Lambert J. Hassinger, President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Board, or Derek Boese, the CAO, to execute any and all documentation to effectuate settlement of the claims of the Orleans Levee District, including but not limited to the authority to execute a Full and Final Release, Settlement, and Covenant Not to Sue and/or other appropriate documents in the form, substance, and amount recommended by Executive Counsel.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby accepts Executive Counsel's settlement recommendation in this matter; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, or Derek Boese, the CAO, is authorized to execute any and all documentation to effectuate settlement of the claims of the Orleans Levee District, including but not limited to the authority to execute a Full and Final Release, Settlement, and Covenant Not to Sue and/or other appropriate documents in the form, substance, and amount recommended by Executive Counsel.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Miller

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Kemp, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Morgan

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on July 20, 2017 at the Orleans Levee District's Franklin Avenue Facility.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.