

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2019**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on March 21, 2019, in the Joseph Yenni Building, Second Floor Council Chambers, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Harahan, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Luettich called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Cosse called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

Richard A. Luettich, Jr., Vice President
Mark L. Morgan, Treasurer
Clay A. Cosse, Secretary
Quentin D. Dastugue
Andrew J. Englande, Jr.
Jason P. Latiolais
Herbert I. Miller
Herbert T. Weysham, III

ABSENT:

Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., President

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Miller and unanimously adopted, to adopt the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-01 –
APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,
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 February 21, 2019.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:

Mr. Luettich advised that the Board was recognizing Robert A. Turner, Jr., P.E. for eighteen years of dedicated and distinguished public service and commitment to flood protection. Mr. Turner retired from the FPA and State service on February 11th to continue his career as a public servant as the General Superintendent of Operations for the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans (SWBNO).

Mr. Turner was appointed to serve as Executive Director of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District on January 1, 2001. As the LBBLD Executive Director, in addition to his many accomplishments, he directed the unwatering activities in St. Bernard Parish after Hurricane Katrina. Levee District employees unwatered the entire Parish in less than two weeks utilizing the drainage pump stations and strategically located levee openings.

On October 18, 2007, Mr. Turner was appointed to serve as the Regional Director for the Flood Protection Authority. In addition to the overall management of the Authority and levee districts, he was responsible for the coordination of all engineering activities associated with the rebuilding of the flood protection system to pre-Katrina standards and the subsequent construction of Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) improvements within the FPA's jurisdiction estimated at \$7 billion. In addition to Mr. Turner's many notable achievements, he served as the State Representative on the National Committee for Levee Safety, which was created by Congress in 2007 to develop recommendations for a National Levee Safety Program, and is responsible for the FPA's partnership with I-STORM, an international group of surge barrier owners and operators.

With the consolidation of the levee districts and restructuring of the FPA in 2017 to achieve cohesiveness, consistencies and efficiencies, Mr. Turner was appointed to serve as the Director of Engineering so that he could focus his attention on the maintenance of the critically important flood defense system and the upcoming recertification of the HSDRRS.

After the City of New Orleans experienced sudden and extreme flooding as a result of the extraordinary, unpredicted amounts of torrential rainfall on August 5, 2017, the SWBNO approached the FPA seeking assistance and expertise with drainage and pumping issues. Mr. Turner, with over 35 years of experience as a Professional Civil Engineer and significant experience in pumping and drainage, has been under temporary assignment to the SWBNO since August of 2017 providing knowledge and expertise to help resolve the City's pumping and drainage issues.

Mr. Turner will be sorely missed by the Board and his colleagues at the FPA who wish him great success in his important new role at the SWBNO where he will continue to provide invaluable service for the public and partner with the FPA on mutual flood control interests.

Mr. Luettich stated that when he first became a member of the Board, Mr. Turner spent a tremendous amount of time helping him learn the system and how he could be most effective. He added that he gained incredible appreciation for Mr. Turner's commitment

and capabilities. Mr. Turner very capably led the FPA through a time of great crisis. When great crisis surfaced in a parallel, but slightly different, case (i.e., the interior drainage system for the City of New Orleans), Mr. Turner was willing to step out and take on responsibility for the interior drainage on a temporary, but now permanent, basis. The FPA recognizes that safety from flooding for the citizens of New Orleans is not provided just by the perimeter system, but by the perimeter system plus the interior drainage system. The only way this will work well is through close cooperation and partnerships. He stated that he could not image a better harbinger of success than having one of the FPA's key people leading the activities for the interior drainage system. He expressed great confidence in the way Mr. Turner will discharge his new responsibilities and the ability of the FPA and SWBNO to coordinate on mutual interests in going forward. He personally thanked Mr. Turner for the help he provided to him, on behalf of the FPA for the countless number of hours he spent leading the organization, and on behalf of the citizens of the Greater New Orleans area for his efforts on the perimeter defense system and interior drainage.

Mr. Turner expressed his appreciation for the kind words about him and the opportunity that the members of the Board, past and present, gave him to do this work. He stated that he loved the work and every minute he spent with the levee districts and Authority. He commented on the importance of the FPA's mission and stated that the people of the Greater New Orleans area could not live here without the work done by the FPA. He explained that the protection of people from hazards associated with flooding is a cooperative endeavor that includes the perimeter system along with the drainage system. He stated that he looked forward to strengthening the partnership between the SWBNO and the FPA so that the two agencies can work together and accomplish common goals to protect the public and make the Greater New Orleans area a greater place to live.

Mr. Luettich advised that Jefferson Parish President Michael S. Yenni was at the meeting to present a Proclamation recognizing the FPA for the flood defense system.

President Yenni commented on the great number of improvements completed after Hurricane Katrina to protect the region. The improvements were accomplished due to the hard work of the FPA and local governments that continued to lobby for better flood protection. He also thanked the FPA for working with Jefferson Parish on the service road along the lakefront levee. He read the Proclamation presented to the FPA, to-wit:

WHEREAS, After Hurricane Katrina in 2005, the State of Louisiana determined that there was a need to regionalize levee districts in order to coordinate plans, projects, and procedures to better protect its citizens in the event of future storms.; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Flood Protection Authority) was created by an act of the State Legislature in 2006; and

WHEREAS, After Katrina, the federal government assigned the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) the monumental task of constructing one of the largest flood protection systems in the world; the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS); and

WHEREAS, the mission of the Flood Protection Authority is to ensure the physical and operational integrity of the regional flood risk management system in Southeastern Louisiana as a defense against floods and storm surge from hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Protection Authority's flood defense system is one of the strongest and largest in the world; and

WHEREAS, the flood defense system significantly diminishes the risk of flooding for over 1 million residents in the New Orleans Metropolitan area, including east bank of Jefferson Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Protection Authority continuously and consistently inspects, exercises and maintains all components of the three flood protection systems year-round; and

WHEREAS, emergency procedures are updated every May; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Protection Authority's employees are well trained and prepared to respond immediately if a hurricane threatens; and

WHEREAS, the Flood Protection Authority continues its partnerships and collaboration with the Army Corps, FEMA, U.S. Coast Guard, National Weather Service, Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, neighboring levee districts and local governments to provide comprehensive and coordinated regional flood risk reduction.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL S. YENNI, PRESIDENT OF JEFFERSON PARISH, do hereby recognize THE FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST FOR THE FLOOD DEFENSE SYSTEM.

Mr. Luetlich explained that the success of the FPA's world class flood defense system is due to the world class employees who operate the system. He stated that the Board is greatly appreciative of the employees of the FPA and take pleasure in being able to recognize two FPA employees today.

Mr. Luetlich recognized Officer Brad Baradell who was nominated by his peers and selected as the Police Employee of the Month. Brad Baradell is a Police Officer 3A with the East Jefferson Levee District Police Department.

Officer Baradell is mission focused and does his utmost at all times to carry out the mission of the FPA and the EJLD Police Department. He is always on time and properly attired. Officer Baradell strives to carry the sword when it comes to teamwork.

Officer Baradell recently conducted a traffic stop for minor traffic violations. Upon contacting the driver, he recognized suspicious activity related to narcotics. Looking beyond the traffic stop, Officer Baradell, with the assistance of Officer Kellie Lopardi,

seized narcotics that were clearly intended for distribution from the vehicle and the driver. This dogged determination shows how a simple traffic stop resulted in a convicted felon, who was also in possession of a firearm and selling narcotics in Jefferson Parish, being taken off the streets.

Officer Baradell's attention to detail, willingness to go above and beyond, and his exemplification of the FPA's values, make him a critical member of the FPA team and the law enforcement community.

Mr. Luettich presented a Certificate of Commendation to Officer Baradell.

Mr. Luettich recognized Ross Debouchel who was nominated by his peers and selected as the FPA's Employee of the Month.

Ross Debouchel was hired as a Maintenance Repairman 2 on December 4, 2017. He is assigned to the flood gate crew. Since Mr. Debouchel joined the FPA team, he has proven himself to be a valuable asset. He has proven himself to be reliable and continuously displays a positive attitude. His willingness to help other employees both within and outside of his department is valued by all. Mr. Debouchel is always willing to learn new skills and learns these new skills by working with others and by following the instructions and teachings of those he is assisting.

Along the way, Mr. Debouchel began taking on other duties outside of his flood gate duties, such as performing plumbing repairs and being a member of one of the crews that conducts river levee inspections due to the high river levels. His positive attitude, willingness to learn and his ability to step out of his comfort zone to hone new skills makes him an important and appreciated member of the flood gate team or any team he is assisting.

Mr. Debouchel's dedication to the FPA's flood protection mission and on the job versatility and willingness to contribute in whatever way needed make him an essential member of the FPA team. Team members like Ross Debouchel are critical to the success of the organization.

Mr. Luettich emphasized that floodwalls and levees do not provide protection by themselves—it is the people, like Mr. Debouchel, who operate and maintain these structures in prime condition that makes the FPA a success. He presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ross Debouchel.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT OR COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Morgan invited everyone to attend the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Safe Room and Consolidated Facility, which is being held today at 2:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Morgan reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board Meeting and considered the following items:

- Recertification of the EJLD millage rate for the 2019 tax rolls.
- FY 2020 Budgets – The Committee reviewed the budgets individually for the FPA and each levee district. The Committee recommended an amendment to the Orleans Levee District budget.
- Proposed lease with Universal Data, Inc. for IT infrastructure equipment – Based on comments offered at the Committee meeting, the Committee recommended that action on the proposed lease be deferred.
- The proposed service contract with Louisiana Cat to extend the warranty for the Caterpillar C-175 Switchgear for the PCCP pump stations.

Operations Committee: Mr. Miller advised that the Operations Committee did not meet during the month of March.

REPORT BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), reviewed the highlights of his report:

- High River – The Mississippi River has been over 11.0-ft. at the Carrollton Gage for almost 150 days. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) recently opened the Bonnet Carre Spillway. The river was at 16.9-ft. as of March 20th and is anticipated to drop slowly to 15.0-ft. over the next month. Daily inspections are anticipated to continue for at least the next month, after which inspections will continue until the river drops below 11.0 ft. Areas of historical concern are being monitored. There are no concerns at this time about the Mississippi River Levee.
- Annual USACE Inspections – The inspections have been repeatedly delayed due to weather and are anticipated to be completed next week. The inspections have gone well and positive feedback has been received from the USACE.
- Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) – FPA staff briefed the CPRA on February 20th. The PCCP warranty period ends on May 1st. The FPA, USACE and CPRA did a walk thru of the pump stations on March 12th. Discussions are on-going on the remaining issues. The Orleans and 17th Street PCCP pump stations have been tested during rain storm conditions. Tests will be performed during a rain event at the London Avenue PCCP pump station and then all three PCCP pump stations simultaneously in a full actual drill prior to hurricane season. The tests are coordinated with the SWBNO.

- I-Storm Galveston Support – Three FPA staff members participated in a planning session on March 18-19 with representatives of I-Storm, USACE Galveston and the Texas General Land Office relative to the Houston Ship Channel Flood Concepts.
- Initiatives – The FPA has purchased its first drone. FPA staff members will start FAA certification testing in April. Primavera is on track for implementation on July 1st. The FPA’s records retention efforts are on-going. Efforts to account for and document all levee district real estate properties in GIS are on-going. A consultant is reviewing software systems used for maintenance management for the purpose of gaining efficiencies.
- Public Information – Tours of the IHNC Surge Barrier and PCCP continue. The CPRA Legislative Tour is currently schedule for April 5th. Tours are scheduled in the next several weeks for Massachusetts Institute of Technology Alumni, the Global Infrastructure Finance Group and the Taiwan Delegation.

NEW BUSINESS:

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-02 –
ADOPTION OF EJLD MILLAGE RATE FOR 2019 TAX ROLL**

Mr. Luettich read the resolution aloud in its entirety. He then asked for comments from the public. There were no comments from the public. It was pointed out that the resolution would adopt, levy and impose the current millage rate for the EJLD on the 2019 tax roll. Mr. Cosse conducted a roll call vote with Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. England, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham voting in favor of the motion.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-02

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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East on behalf of the East Jefferson Levee District:

MILLAGE

East Jefferson Levee District 4.01 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2019, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to

taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. England, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-03 - APPROVAL OF FPA FY 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Morgan explained that the Finance Committee reviewed the Fiscal Year (FY) 2020 budgets for the FPA and levee districts in detail. The projected revenues in the budgets (all entities combined) total approximately \$51 million and the projected costs total approximately \$49 million. Mr. Luettich commented that as the reorganization progresses some of the expenditures originally allocated to the levee districts are being consolidated at the Authority level, but remain funded through the levee districts. The budgets are beginning to gel at a constant level for the future.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,
Seconded by Mr. Latiolais, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for the Authority, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020:

**SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 BUDGET**

	GENERAL FUND	TOTAL
REVENUES		
Cost Sharing Allocation	\$8,979,700	\$8,979,700
Interest Income	86,700	86,700
Misc Revenue	2,000	2,000
Total Revenue	\$9,068,400	\$9,068,400
EXPENSES		
Personnel Services	\$6,723,400	\$6,723,400
Travel and Training	135,800	135,800

Professional Services	387,000	387,000
Contractual Services	1,709,200	1,709,200
Materials and Supplies	62,800	62,800
Cost Allocations	-	-
Other Charges	14,200	14,200
Equipment Purchase	36,000	36,000
Total Expenses	\$9,068,400	\$9,068,400
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	\$0	\$0
Litigation & Ins	-	-
Net Transfers	-	-
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$6,051,957	\$6,051,957
ESCROW FOR MAINT	-	-
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$6,051,957	\$6,051,957

WHEREAS, the FPA is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2019, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 21, 2019, reviewed the FPA Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 Budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-04 - APPROVAL OF LBBLD FY 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Morgan advised that the Finance Committee reviewed the FY 2020 Budget for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD). The Committee approved the budget as presented, although the budget could change dramatically before July 1st. Later in the meeting the Board will consider a resolution to approve a thirty day extension of the stay of the divestiture of the St. Bernard internal pumping and drainage functions. The divestiture would dramatically change the LBBLD FY 2020 budget requiring an amendment of the budget. The Finance Committee in a show of good faith recommended that the budget not be changed at the current time in order to afford time for negotiation and that the budget be amended accordingly when the divestiture comes to fruition.

Mr. Luettich pointed out that that the LBBLD FY 2020 Budget is a deficit budget, as it has been for the past several budget cycles. If the FY 2020 Budget is spent out over the next year as it currently stands, LBBLD’s fund balance will be reduced from \$5.7 million to \$2.5 million. As discussed repeatedly over the past several years, there is a predictable point at which the LBBLD would be insolvent financially; therefore, there is an urgency to work towards resolving this issue. At this point, the FY 2020 Budget seems to be a responsible budget for the upcoming year and allows the FPA to try to make the agreements needed in a professional and effective way.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD), including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020:

**LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
 TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 BUDGET**

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Tax	\$3,700,000	\$0	\$3,700,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	175,000	0	175,000
Mineral Revenue	0	0	0
Interest Income	16,400	0	16,400
Misc Revenue	4,300	0	4,300
Total Revenue	\$3,895,700	\$0	\$3,895,700

EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	\$1,703,500	0	\$1,703,500
Travel and Training	0	0	0
Professional Services	168,100	0	168,100
Contractual Services	1,243,800	0	1,243,800
Materials and Supplies	321,200	0	321,200
Cost Allocations	987,200	0	987,200
Other Charges	122,000	0	122,000
Equipment Purchase	74,000	0	74,000
MMCI Services	0	1,115,000	1,115,000
Total Expenses	\$4,619,800	\$1,115,000	\$5,734,800
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	(\$724,100)	(\$1,115,000)	(\$1,839,100)
Litigation & Ins	(\$25,000)	0	(\$25,000)
Net Transfers	(\$923,500)	0	(\$923,500)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(\$1,672,600)	(\$1,115,000)	(\$2,787,600)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$6,851,337	(\$1,115,608)	\$5,735,729
ESCROW FOR MAINT	0	(\$370,000)	(\$370,000)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$5,178,737	(\$2,600,608)	\$2,578,129

WHEREAS, the LBBLD is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2019, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 21, 2019, reviewed the LBBLD Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 Budget for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-05 - APPROVAL OF O.L.D. FY 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Morgan advised that the Finance Committee reviewed the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) FY 2020 Budget. The Finance Committee agreed to recommend that the budget be amended to reduce the total expenses in the Special Levee Improvement Fund from \$26,570,500 to \$26,370,500 (a reduction of \$200,000) and that the following numbers in the resolution be adjusted accordingly. The reduction relates to a project to construct a firing range for O.L.D. Police Officers for which funding will be sought under a grant. Should grant funding be obtained, the budget will be amended to include the project.

A substitute motion was offered by Mr. Dastugue, seconded by Mr. Morgan, to approve the O.L.D. FY 2020 Budget with the aforementioned reduction of \$200,000 and adjustments related to the project to construct a firing range.

On the motion of Mr. Dastugue,
Seconded by Mr. Morgan, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.), including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020:

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 BUDGETS**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL LEVEE IMPROVEMENT FUND	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$20,836,000	\$20,400,000	\$41,236,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,340,000	0	1,340,000
Mineral Revenue	1,036,100	0	1,036,100
Interest Income	760,200	972,800	1,733,000
Misc Revenue	2,507,400	0	2,507,400
Total Revenue	\$26,479,700	\$21,372,800	\$47,852,500
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	\$12,100,500	0	\$12,100,500
Travel and Training	58,100	0	58,100
Professional Services	517,700	0	517,700

Contractual Services	2,968,300	0	2,968,300
Materials and Supplies	1,862,800	0	1,862,800
Cost Allocations	5,078,200	0	5,078,200
Other Charges	919,900	824,300	1,744,200
Equipment Purchase	1,787,900	0	1,787,900
MMCI Services	0	25,546,200	25,546,200
Total Expenses	\$25,293,400	\$26,370,500	\$51,663,900
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	\$1,186,300	(\$4,997,700)	(\$3,811,400)
Litigation & Ins		-	
Net Transfers	923,500	(1,796,800)	(873,300)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	\$2,109,800	(\$6,794,500)	(\$4,684,700)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$52,394,438	\$43,748,459	\$96,142,897
ESCROW OPEB	(\$2,000,000)		(\$2,000,000)
ESCROW MAINTENANCE	0	(\$2,040,000)	(\$2,040,000)
ESCROW PCCP	(\$500,000)	0	(\$500,000)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$52,004,238	\$34,913,959	\$86,918,197

WHEREAS, the O.L.D. is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2019, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 21, 2019, reviewed the O.L.D. General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020, and the Special Levee Improvement Fund (SLIP Fund) budget for the same fiscal year.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 Budget for the Orleans Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-06 - APPROVAL OF EJLD FY 2020 BUDGET

Mr. Morgan advised that the Finance Committee reviewed the EJLD FY 2020 Budget, particularly the number of personnel required due to the impending return of the levee reaches currently being armored by the USACE. The FY 2019 Budget is under budget due to vacancies. The FY 2020 Budget for personnel is substantially increased in order to hire the appropriate number of personnel to maintain the levees. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the FY 2020 Budget.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 for the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD), including estimated operating revenues and expenditures;
and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020:

**EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2020 BUDGET**

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	TOTAL
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Tax	\$9,500,000	-	\$9,500,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	454,000	-	454,000
Mineral Revenue	-	-	-
Interest Income	936,900	-	936,900
Misc Revenue	577,700	-	577,700
Total Revenue	\$11,468,600	-	\$11,468,600
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	\$5,121,300	-	\$5,121,300
Travel and Training	25,300	-	25,300
Professional Services	120,000	-	120,000
Contractual Services	571,400	-	571,400
Materials and Supplies	453,600	-	453,600
Cost Allocations	2,748,600	-	2,748,600
Other Charges	438,700	-	438,700
Equipment Purchase	828,100	-	828,100
MMCI Services	-	3,470,000	3,470,000
Total Expenses	\$10,307,000	\$3,470,000	\$13,777,000

Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	\$1,161,600	(\$3,470,000)	(\$2,308,400)
Litigation & Ins	(\$)	-	(\$)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	\$1,161,600	(\$3,470,000)	(\$2,308,400)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$39,851,855	(\$9,001,431)	\$30,850,424
ESCROW FOR MAINT	-	(\$1,146,900)	(\$1,146,900)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$41,013,455	(\$13,613,331)	\$28,542,024

WHEREAS, the EJLD is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2019, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 21, 2019, reviewed the EJLD Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2020 Budget for the East Jefferson Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

Motion to approve the execution of an agreement with Universal Data, Inc. for deploying and leasing information technology infrastructure equipment to upgrade and migrate the FPA's current servers to a replicated private cloud infrastructure for a term of sixty months at a total rental cost of \$397,239.65.

The item was deferred for thirty days as recommended by the Finance Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-07 –
EXTENSION OF STATE AGENCY MINERAL LEASE NO. 21385 BETWEEN
ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT AND UPSTREAM EXPLORATION, LLC**

Mr. Morgan explained that the Finance Committee reviewed the proposed lease extension. The lessee is doing mineral explorations on the leased property. Should minerals be found, the O.L.D. would receive royalties from the production.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,
Seconded by Mr. Dastugue, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, on March 12, 2014, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, on behalf of Orleans Levee District, as lessor, granted to and in favor of K-Exploration Co., as lessee, that certain Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals, State Agency Lease No. 21385, said lease being recorded among the records of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, in Conveyance Book 1314, at Page 203, under File Number 2014-00001244, on March 31, 2014 (herein said State Agency Lease No. 21385); and

WHEREAS, said State Agency Lease No. 21385 is now owned of record by Upstream Exploration, LLC; and

WHEREAS, the Deferred Development Term, as recited in Paragraph 23 of said State Agency Lease No. 21385, expires on March 12, 2019; and

WHEREAS, Upstream Exploration, LLC has requested the Orleans Levee District grant a one year extension of the term of the Deferred Development provision of said State Agency Lease No. 21385, and the Orleans Levee District has determined same to be in its best interest.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, for and in consideration of the sum of Thirty-Four Thousand Eight Hundred Ninety Dollars and 24/100 (\$34,890.24), being the total amount of the Deferred Development payment due under the terms of said State Agency Lease No. 21385, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (FPA) approves the extension of the Deferred Development Term, as recited in Paragraph 23 of said State Agency Lease No. 21385, from the original two (2) year term to three (3) years, and authorizes the FPA Chief Administrative Officer to execute said documents and any and all other documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysam

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-08 –
EXTENDED WARRANTY ON PCCP CATERPILLAR C175 SWITCHGEAR**

Mr. Morgan explained that the Finance Committee spent significant time discussing the proposed service contract to extend the warranty on the PCCP Caterpillar C175 switchgear for a period of sixty months. Staff explained to the Committee that the switchgear is currently six years old. The technology is obsolete and parts are not readily available. The extended warranty would ensure the replacement of parts during the five year period. Staff will need to develop a plan during the next five years to extend the life or replace the equipment. The PCCP pump stations would be exposed

to a significant risk should the equipment become inoperable; therefore, the Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed warranty extension. The cost of parts for the C175 Caterpillar switchgear is estimated at \$1.3 million, and the replacement of the switchgear is estimated at \$11 million to \$12 million.

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

WHEREAS, the one year warranty for the Caterpillar C175 Switchgear for the Permanent Canal and Closure Pumps (PCCP) pump stations will expire on May 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, due to the specialized nature of the electrical equipment, limited switchgear redundancy to only one back up system and possible discontinuation of existing parts, sixty (60) month extended warranty coverage is recommended; and

WHEREAS, quotes for the aforementioned extended warranty coverage for 17th Street pump PCCP is \$248,580, London Avenue PCCP is \$190,800, and Orleans Avenue PCCP is \$93,210.

WHEREAS, funding for a service contract to provide the above 60 month extended warranty is available in the FY 2019 PCCP General Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) approves the execution of a service contract with Louisiana Cat for 60 month extended warranty coverage in the amount of \$532,590 for the Caterpillar C175 Switchgear for the PCCP pump stations.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administration Officer is hereby 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. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysam

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-09 –
AMENDMENT OF RESOLUTION NO. 09-20-18-11 TO EXTEND THE STAY OF THE
DIVESTURE AND TRANSFER OF ST. BERNARD PARISH INTERNAL PUMPING
AND DRAINAGE FUNCTIONS TO ST. BERNARD PARISH**

Mr. Luettich explained that in June, 2018, the Board adopted a resolution to turn over the internal drainage and pumping system within the LBBLD to St. Bernard Government as of December 31, 2018. In September, 2018, the Board adopted a resolution to stay the divestiture until April 1, 2019. A resolution is before the Board to extend the stay until May 1, 2019, in order to provide additional time to reach a negotiated settlement, which would clearly be in everyone's best interest.

Mr. Morgan noted that the LBBLD FY 2020 Budget includes approximately \$150,000 for legal expenses to protect the FPA/LBBLD due to on-going litigation. Mr. Luettich pointed out that a clean, negotiated settlement will alleviate everyone from wasting money on litigation.

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

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2018, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) adopted Resolution No. 09-20-18-11 approving a stay of the divestiture and transfer of St. Bernard Parish internal pumping and drainage functions to St. Bernard Parish, as called for by Resolution No. 06-14-18-04, for a period of ninety days, or until April 1, 2019; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to extend the aforementioned stay for an additional period of thirty days, or until May 1, 2019.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby amends Resolution No. 09-20-18-11 to provide a thirty day extension of the stay of the divestiture and transfer of St. Bernard internal pumping and drainage functions to St. Bernard Parish as called for by Resolution No. 06-14-18-04, increasing said period of the stay to a total of 120 days, or until May 1, 2019.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and
Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Mr. Latiolais

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-10 - APPROVAL OF ADJUSTED PERMIT FEES

Mr. Morgan noted that the Operations Committee discussed the adjusted permit fees in its February 21st Committee meeting and at that meeting instructed staff to prepare a resolution with the adjust fees to present to the Board at its March meeting.

Mr. Miller explained that the cost of processing permits exceeded the revenues received from permit fees. Permits are a personal benefit for applicants and not the community as a whole; therefore, the Operations Committee determined that the costs should be paid by the applicants. The proposed fees cover the costs of processing the permits. The residential permit fee is increasing by \$50 and the commercial permit fee is increasing by \$100. The fee for blanket permits remains at \$3,000.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), as part of its operational responsibilities, accepts permit applications, processes the required information relative to the applications and issues permits, on behalf of the

East Jefferson Levee District, Orleans Levee District and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, for construction and other activities in the vicinity of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) and Mississippi River Levee System (MRL); and

WHEREAS, the FPA by Resolution No. 08-17-17-14 established and adopted uniform fees across the levee districts for the acceptance, processing and issuing of the aforementioned permits; and

WHEREAS, the Operations Committee at its meeting held on February 21, 2019, reviewed the aforementioned fees, along with costs for processing and issuing permits, and recommended adjusted permit fees.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby establishes and adopts the following adjusted permit fees: \$150 for residential permits, \$300 for commercial permits and \$3,000 for blanket permits, for construction or other activities in the vicinity of the HSDRRS and MRL.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that any and all prior resolutions relative to the establishment of permit fees are null and void.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer is 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. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-19-11 –
APPROPRIATION OF TEMPORARY ROAD SERVITUDE FROM VIOLET S.
MELERINE, ET AL. FOR MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEES AND TRIBUTARIES,
MISSISSIPPI RIVER LEVEES, EAST BANK LEVEE, LAKE BORGNE SEEPAGE
CONTROL, B/L STATION 437+00 TO B/L STATION 448+00 PROJECT**

Michelle White, Executive Counsel, advised that the appropriation is required for the seepage control project in the LBBLD. The USACE requires a temporary access road to reach the project site where sheetpile would be installed. The one living owner of the property, Violet S. Melerine, is amenable to executing a right of entry; however, there are four deceased co-owners with unopened successions. Therefore, appropriation is the appropriate method in order to proceed and allow Ms. Melerine to act on her own behalf, but to appropriate as to the other four deceased co-owners for a two year access over the property. Ms. Melerine will receive notice of the appropriation and the notice will be recorded. Therefore, any heir that comes forward will be paid the appropriation fee for the two year access. The appropriation fee totals about \$2,000 and would be divided between the five co-owners. The property would be returned to the owners after the two year period.

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

“A resolution providing for the appropriation under the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana of a temporary road servitude over property located at 6130 E. St. Bernard Highway in Violet, Louisiana from Violet S. Melerine, et al. for the benefit of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the making and repairing of levees along the Mississippi River.”

WHEREAS, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, acting by and through the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (“LBBLD”), is the Non-Federal Sponsor for a portion of the Mississippi River and Tributaries Project, Mississippi River Levees (“MRL”) located in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana pursuant to Assurance Agreements and Supplemental Assurance Agreements dated December 4, 1928, October 29, 1928, and May 15, 1973; and

WHEREAS, under these agreements, LBBLD is responsible for acquiring the necessary real property rights required by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the “Corps”) for the construction, operation, and maintenance of work on MRL, including but not limited to the Mississippi River Levees and Tributaries, Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Lake Borgne Seepage Control, B/L Station 437+00 to B/L Station 448+00 project (the “Project”), on the east bank of the Mississippi River in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Project involves installing sheet piles for seepage control within the Mississippi River Levee (the “Levee”), which will require the temporary installation of an access road to access the Levee to construct the Project and to avoid cutting off access to the Belle Chase Marine Transportation, Inc. facility on the flood side of the Levee during the Work; and

WHEREAS, by letter dated January 10, 2019, the Corps issued a Right of Entry Requests (“ROE Request”) to Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East for the Project, identifying the alignment for the Project approved by the Corps and providing the map thereof attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, LBBLD is acquiring the property rights required in the ROE Request that are outside of its existing right of way; and

WHEREAS, the property rights required by the Corps for the Project include a temporary road servitude over the property identified on the Corps map attached hereto as Exhibit “A” and made a part hereof as “Temporary Access Road – C,” from Highway 46 at point AR-9 to the existing levee toe at points TR-3 and TR-1 (the “Subject Property”). The Subject Property bears municipal address 6130 E. St. Bernard Highway, Violet, Louisiana, and is assessed to “Violet S. Melerine, et al.” and owned by Violet S. Melerine and four others (the “Melerines,” collectively); and

WHEREAS, Violet S. Melerine has granted Right of Entry for Construction to the Subject Property to LBBLD, but she is only one of the five owners of the property, others of whom are deceased with unopened successions and therefore unable to grant Right of Entry for Construction or good title. LBBLD is therefore unable to acquire Right of Entry for Construction or good title to the necessary servitude over

the Subject Property in a timely manner and in accordance with the schedule required by the Corps; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. Const. art. VI, sec. 42, La. C.C. art. 665, and La. R.S. 38:301, the levee districts are authorized to appropriate servitudes necessary for the making and repairing of levees and other water control structures on the shores of navigable rivers and on alignments approved by the Corps.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves an action to appropriate a Temporary Road Servitude over the property identified as “Temporary Access Road – C,” from Highway 46 at point AR-9 to the existing levee toe at points TR-3 and TR-1, to the extent of the Melerines’ ownership thereof, as shown on the Corps map attached hereto as Exhibit “A” (the “Subject Property”), and the same is hereby appropriated in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana for the making and repairing of levees and other water control structures on the shores of navigable rivers and on alignments approved by the Corps, for the benefit of the Lake Borgne Levee District.

The servitude appropriated hereby is a Temporary Road Servitude, which is a temporary and assignable servitude, easement, and right of way in, on, over, and across the Subject Property for two years beginning on May 1, 2019, for use by Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and its representatives, agents, contractors, and assignees for access for the location and construction of the Mississippi River Levees and Tributaries, Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, Lake Borgne Seepage Control, B/L Station 437+00 to B/L Station 448+00, St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana project (the “Project”) and for the location, construction, operation, maintenance, alteration, and replacement of a road and appurtenances thereto, together with the right to trim, cut, fell, and remove therefrom all trees, underbrush, obstructions, and other vegetation, structures, or obstacles; reserving, however, to the landowners, their heirs and assigns, all such rights and privileges as may be used without interfering with or abridging the rights and easement hereby acquired; subject, however, to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads, and pipelines except as otherwise provided herein.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that (A) this resolution shall be published in the official journal of this Board of Commissioners and in the official journal of the parish where the land is located; (B) a certified copy of this resolution shall be sent to the assessment records owner by certified mail return receipt requested within five days of adoption of this resolution; and (C) a certified copy of this resolution shall be registered in the conveyance records of the parish where the land is located.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby accepts Executive Counsel’s recommendation in this matter.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Chief Administrative Officer of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is authorized to execute any and all documentation necessary to effectuate appropriation of the above-referenced parcels.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Latiolais,
Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on April 18, 2019 at the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:10 p.m.