

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 20, 2019**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on June 20, 2019, 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 11:15 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Cosse called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT:

Jason P. Latiolais

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-01 –
APPROVAL OF MAY 16, 2019 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Morgan, 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 16, 2019.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

ABSTAINED: Mr. Englande

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:

Mr. Hassinger explained that the Board takes the opportunity each month to recognize an Employee of the Month. Craig Simon was nominated by his colleagues and selected as the Employee of the Month for June. Mr. Hassinger stated that it is only through having people like Mr. Simon on the team that the FPA as an organization can be effective, accomplish its mission and be a success. He expressed the Board's appreciation for the work that Mr. Simon performs on a daily basis.

Craig Simon was hired by the Orleans Levee District on September 22, 2014 as a Mechanic 3 in the Maintenance Department. He applied for one of the new Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) positions as a Mechanic 3 and was assigned to the position on April 9, 2018. Mr. Simon quietly completes all maintenance duties assigned to him and has learned the controls and operations aspects of all the PCCP pumps in both the storm mode and manual mode. He recently successfully completed the Caterpillar C175 Operations and Maintenance Training Course.

The FPA Operations team appreciates the effort and the time Mr. Simon has put into his job since joining the PCCP team. The PCCP team is tasked with maintaining the facilities in a high degree of readiness; and when called to duty, these highly complex structures must operate to prevent floodwall failure and flooding.

Since joining the PCCP team Mr. Simon has displayed a great attitude and willingness to learn and grow professionally and to help others when needed. He is a great example of living the FPA's values and is essential to the FPA's success as an organization and for successfully fulfilling its flood defense mission.

Mr. Hassinger presented a Certificate of Commendation to Mr. Simon and thanked him for his outstanding service.

Mr. Hassinger explained that Maria Chedid, who was selected as the Employee of the Month for May, was unable to attend last month's Board meeting. The Board recognized Ms. Chedid, who was nominated by her colleagues and selected as the Employee of the Month for May. Mr. Hassinger expressed the Board's appreciation for the work performed by Ms. Chedid.

Maria Chedid has been with the Flood Protection Authority for four years and serves as the Accountant Administrator 2 for the FPA. Ms. Chedid has been instrumental in the implementation of processes and procedures for the regionalization effort. She developed a plan to bring the East Jefferson and Lake Borgne Basin Levee Districts onto MIP (the FPA's financial management software system), and took the lead on transferring trial balance and vendor information as well as fixed assets and cash receipts. If Ms. Chedid is not familiar with a particular subject matter, she goes the extra mile to research and learn what is needed to complete the task.

Recently, the Finance Department received an email from a vendor informing the FPA that they had updated their policies to require payments greater than \$50k be sent via

wire. The email referenced a recent purchase for which the FPA had just cut a check and provided a copy of a signed policy on company letterhead. However, before sending the wire Ms. Chedid took the extra steps to verify the request was legitimate and discovered that the dealership's email had been hacked and the request was fraudulent. Her vigilance and attention to detail prevented the FPA from becoming a victim of financial fraud. Ms. Chedid exemplifies all of the FPA's values in the daily performance of her work and her professionalism and willingness to go the extra mile helps to make the FPA a success.

Mr. Hassinger presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ms. Chedid and thanked her for her outstanding service.

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mr. Hassinger advised that today concludes Mr. Luettich's service as a Commissioner on the FPA Board. He stated that it had been a privilege and a pleasure serving with Mr. Luettich, particularly as Vice President. Mr. Luettich played an instrumental role not only in operating and managing the Authority, but also in re-imagining and restructuring the Authority over the past several years, which is a significant accomplishment. Mr. Luettich has been a steady voice of reason, focus and thoughtful consideration. He thanked Mr. Luettich for his support as President and for his collaboration.

Mr. Hassinger explained that he had served as President of the FPA for four years and that he thought it was an appropriate time to give others the opportunity to serve in the role of President. He advised that he would gladly nominate Mr. Miller as his successor when nominations were taken for officers to serve for the term beginning on July 1st. He added that Mr. Miller would do a great job leading the Board.

Mr. Hassinger commented that he had been through several iterations of the Board and that, in his opinion, the current Board is incredibly cohesive. He stated that it had been a privilege working with the Board to successfully accomplish many good things. He advised that when speaking to staff about the organization chart, he always placed the Board over the President, and then the Chief Administrative Officer, to reflect the sentiment that, in his view, the President is to serve the Board.

Mr. Hassinger stated that it had been a pleasure working with staff in the capacity of President, and that he appreciated the staff's efforts, commitment and flexibility. The regionalism push was abrupt and shocking initially and staff was pushed hard to accomplish this effort at a fast pace. He stated that the team of talent, commitment and skill at the Authority today is quite impressive and unmatched. Staff is operating as a team and with an impressive skillset.

Mr. Hassinger advised that he would remain as the Orleans representative on the Board and that he takes this role very seriously and plans to remain very active.

Mr. Luettich stated that he appreciated the opportunity to come to the area and be a part of and help guide the FPA. He stated that New Orleans is a great city, but it could not be here without flood protection. As a result, the Authority and all of its employees

are absolutely critical to the existence of New Orleans. He pointed out that there are many organizations that play key roles; however, without flood protection there would be no New Orleans. The FPA is the reason for the confidence that flood protection will continue. He noted that the FPA is as committed and as critical an organization as exists anywhere.

Mr. Luettich explained that he strongly believes that the vision of unified flood protection that came after Hurricane Katrina is the right one. The notion that separate, but equal between the districts is somehow viable is completely non-workable. The FPA must be a unified Authority. He stated that he appreciated the patience of many in the FPA, as well as the citizens, in terms of allowing the FPA to restructure the organization to become a unified Authority and reach this point. He stated that he strongly believes that some sharing of resources across districts will be required in the future. It is the responsibility of the current and future Boards, as well as the Legislature and other involved entities, to figure out what "some sharing" of "some resources" means. "Some" does not mean everybody paying for everything else, but it cannot be an attempt to be completely separate. In this regard, the ramped up effort over the past year to try to move the interior drainage from the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District to St. Bernard Parish has been an attempt to clear a path to make the sharing of resources across the districts a much more palatable and easier process. He expressed disappointment that the FPA was not able as yet to accomplish this effort. He hoped that the FPA is well down the road and achieves this accomplishment sooner rather than later, and expressed confidence that the Board can make the right thing happen.

Mr. Luettich stated that the FPA and system are in very strong shape and that he hoped that he was leaving the Authority better than he found it. He added that the purpose of the FPA is to build confidence in the public that they can live here safely and locate businesses here. The FPA's success is largely reflected in the public's confidence; however, this creates a challenge in that the FPA's success leads to a sense of infallibility, which is not reality. The system is not infallible. Therefore, the FPA must guard against complacency and keep the sense of urgency that characterized the years following Katrina to balance the confidence.

Mr. Luettich expressed his appreciation for the opportunity to serve on the FPA Board over the past seven and one-half years and to get to know the citizens, cuisine and culture of the city. He stated that he looked forward to staying involved with New Orleans through his University roles, his research and the other committees on which he serves. He added that he looked forward to seeing the Authority and the entire city flourish in the years to come.

Mr. Dastugue commented that in his short time on the Board he appreciated Mr. Luettich's cutting, sharp, logical and inquisitive nature of service. He added that it had been a pleasure having Mr. Luettich on the Board and that he brought a lot of experience and education to the group.

Mr. Dastugue explained that he spent sixteen years in the Legislature, first trying to abolish levee boards and turning the levee districts into public works districts, and later moving towards merger and consolidation of levee districts. He stated that under the

leadership of President Hassinger this has been accomplished. He commented that it had been a pleasure to watch the FPA's success and thanked Mr. Hassinger and Mr. Luettich for their service.

Mr. Miller concurred with Mr. Dastugue's comments and added that he was very pleased to have met and had an opportunity to work with Mr. Luettich. He expressed his appreciation for everything that Mr. Luettich has done for the FPA.

Mr. Cosse thanked Mr. Luettich for his service and for his closing comments regarding resource sharing across the Authority. He stated that he felt strongly that the FPA cannot expect nine percent of the population of the region to pick up 33-1/3 percent of the costs. Something must be done that is equitable and fair for everyone.

President Hassinger presented Mr. Luettich with a framed copy of the resolution describing his professionalism, education, expertise, experience, leadership, hard work and devotion to the FPA, along with a plaque thanking Mr. Luettich for his dedication and commitment to flood protection and for his service to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR A ONE YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2019:

The floor was opened for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Hassinger offered and Mr. Luettich seconded the nomination of Herbert I. Miller. There were no further nominations. Mr. Miller 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. Cosse seconded the nomination of Mark L Morgan. There were no further nominations. Mr. Morgan 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. Miller offered and Mr. Morgan seconded the nomination of Quentin D. Dastugue. There were no further nominations. Mr. Dastugue 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. Morgan seconded the nomination of Clay A. Cosse. There were no further nominations. Mr. Cosse was elected to fill the office of Secretary by a unanimous vote of the Board.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-02 - 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, 2019.”

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.

WHEREAS, an election of officers was conducted on June 20, 2019, with nominations for each office duly offered and seconded and a vote conducted thereafter to fill each office.

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, 2019:

President – Herbert I. Miller

Vice President – Mark L. Morgan

Treasurer – Quentin D. Dastugue

Secretary – Clay A. Cosse

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

Mr. Miller thanked the members of the Board for their trust and stated that he has huge shoes to fill as Mr. Hassinger had done an outstanding job as President. He added that Mr. Hassinger and the Board had put together an outstanding staff and that he looked forward to getting to know the staff better. He commented that the Board consists of an outstanding group of professionals with different backgrounds that work together successfully and that he hoped to continue this work. He noted that he would be leaning heavily on Mr. Hassinger throughout his administration for assistance and that he had enjoyed their discussions over his two and a half years of service on the Board.

Mr. Miller presented a plaque to Mr. Hassinger in recognition of his service as President of the Board for the past four years and for his dedication and commitment to flood protection and service to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Wilma Heaton, Chair of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (NFPAMA) and FPA Director of Governmental Affairs, explained that she has worked

with the Orleans Levee District since 1996 and the FPA Board since 2007. She recognized and introduced K. Randall "Randy" Noel, who was appointed by the Governor to serve on the FPA Board effective July 2, 2019, and former FPA Commissioner Louis Wittie. She advised that the following individuals were in attendance to support Agenda Item XIII.A.6 relative to flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport: Eugene Green, Vice Chair of the NFPAMA Board and representing Congressman Richmond; Roy Arrigo, Chair of the NFPAMA Marina Committee; Robert Watters, Chair of the NFPAMA Legal Committee; Leila Eames, Vice Chair of the NFPAMA Commercial Real Estate Committee and representing Councilwoman Nguyen; Thomas Fierke, Secretary of the NFPAMA Board and representing City Park; and Stan Brien, NFPAMA Commissioner and representing Councilman Giarrusso.

Thomas Tubre explained that he is with TKTMJ and that the company has constructed the last five of the Seawall Erosion Control Projects. He advised that TKTMJ was the lowest bidder on the five projects and that the FPA saved taxpayer money using a price based bidding process. He commented on the savings achieved by the FPA by using the lowest bid on the projects and that the lowest bid was actually under the FPA's budgeted amount. He encouraged the FPA to consider contract reform, commented on contractors trying to build in a hurricane protection area, and asked that the FPA develop a system that incentivizes and holds all parties accountable to expeditiously complete projects. He stated that the FPA has an outstanding balance with TKTMJ of \$718,041 (\$276,753 of this amount is over fifty days past due and the remaining amount is due on June 27th). He asked that the Board assist with the payment of the outstanding balance.

Guy McInnis, St. Bernard Parish President, congratulated the new officers of the Board. He thanked Mr. Hassinger for his efforts in trying to accomplish the transfer of the internal drainage in St. Bernard Parish. He stated that he felt that the FPA and St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) are close to an agreement. He asked that the Board study the offer received from the St. Bernard Parish Council (SBPC) and remain at the table in order to reach an agreement. He explained that the number included in the SBPC's offer was arrived at some time ago; however, he and Mr. Hassinger were not sure that the FPA Board or SBPC would agree with the number. President McInnis stated that he went to the SBPC first and that the Council rejected it because of their concern about the condition of the pumping stations and canals that they would be taking over. After several meetings a decision was reached to hire an independent engineer to do a study of the pumping system and the canals with each party paying for half of the cost of the study. The engineering report was received and SBPG disagreed with the report advising that they would not be receiving enough money.

President McInnis explained that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) stepped in and reviewed the report. The parties now agreed, even though SBPG still felt that it was not enough, because CPRA came in as an independent voice, plus CPRA made \$4 million available to bring the pump stations up to par so that SBPG could take over the stations. CPRA estimated that \$2.6 million would be needed to bring the pump stations up to par. President McInnis stated that Mr. Hassinger came up with another number, and that he as Parish President was good with the number and

that the amount would allow SBPG the opportunity to do 100 percent of the operation and maintenance for a couple of years and SBPG would go from there. He stated that the SBPC rejected the new agreement that he and Mr. Hassinger had agreed to bring to the Board. He added that the pumps were fixed, but the SBPC wanted to stay with the original agreement. He pointed out that the canals were part of the original concern of SBPC; however, that is off the board now. The study by the engineering firm estimated a cost of \$5.9 million; however, the FPA disagreed with this number. The SBPC put aside the \$5.9 million estimate with the thought that this situation could be taken care of over time once the drainage is transferred to SBPG. He asked that the Board remember that St. Bernard Parish is spending approximately three to three and one-half million dollars on replacing the pumps at Pump Stations 1 and 4, and that SBPG assists the FPA during storm events, cutting grass around the canals and building two safe rooms estimated at about \$1 million. In reaching out to the CPRA, SBPG received \$4 million. SBPG is waiting for the 2016 Flood Hazard Mitigation Fund to be released by the Federal Registry, along with the guidelines, so that it can submit requests for additional hazard mitigation work on the canals and pumping system.

President McInnis expressed disappointment at the current impasse and asked the Board to consider the proposal. He added that part of this proposal is that SBPG is willing to go out and renew the millage that expires in 2020. The agreement provides that the pumping and drainage will be taken over in April and the taxes will not be received for the year until the November to January timeframe. He stated that the negotiations have come a long way and that the SBPC is very close and asked that the Board consider the proposal in a fair way. He pointed out that an agreement must take place on the pumping and drainage in order to accomplish the resource sharing previously mentioned by Mr. Luettich. He added that SBPG wants to man the internal drainage in St. Bernard Parish and that he did not want to see this issue go through litigation.

Mr. Hassinger stated that he appreciated the efforts that President McInnis made personally. Discussions were held several times, most recently in Baton Rouge this week, in an attempt to reach an agreement. He stated that his understanding is that the proposal provided by President McInnis is from the SBPC and expresses what the Council wants. He advised that he appreciated President McInnis' relaying the proposal to the FPA. He requested that President McInnis' relay to the SBPC that their offer was rejected.

Mr. Hassinger stated that he was prepared to recommend to the FPA Board the same thing that President McInnis recommended to the SBPC, which was a compromise on both sides that came about as a result of a lot of discussions between himself, President McInnis, CPRA and others trying hard to reach a resolution. He clarified that SBPC's proposal did not include any thing proposed, suggested or offered by him or anyone else at the FPA. The SBPC's proposal would result in multiple tens of millions of dollars over time flowing from Jefferson and Orleans Parishes to St. Bernard's Lake Borgne Basin Levee District. The structure has been proposed twice in two consecutive Legislative sessions, most recently a few weeks ago, and failed. The Legislature has stated twice that it is not going to approve the FPA doing what has been proposed by St Bernard Parish. Therefore, there are limits to what the FPA can do.

Mr. Hassinger explained that he asked President McInnis what would it take to bring this matter to a resolution. President McInnis provide a number to Mr. Hassinger and he said that he would recommend it. He stated that the proposal that he and President McInnis agreed to several days ago to recommend to their respective groups would have resulted in millions of dollars in pumping and drainage capacity to St. Bernard Parish and millions of dollars to operate the system effectively. He expressed disappointment about the current impasse.

President McInnis commented about the meeting held in Baton Rouge this week, which included a number of CPRA members. He stated that the \$1.9 million was on the table between himself and Mr. Hassinger a long time ago and was discussed in a meeting at the CPRA's offices; however, the SBPC rejected the number at the time because of its concern about pump stations and canals. Chip Kline, CPRA Chairman, stated in the meeting that the negotiations were started at \$1.9 million and SBPG obtained the money for the pump stations. He stated that Mr. Hassinger proposed that the taxes be split, which would be about \$300,000 over and above the millage that expires in 2020. He explained that Mr. Hassinger then asked what would it take for the FPA to write a check in order to resolve the matter and that he (President McInnis) replied ten years or \$3 million. President McInnis advised that he brought the proposal to the SBPC and the Council said to leave it at \$1.9 million. He asked why spend \$110,000 on a study if there was nothing on the table. He reiterated that \$1.9 million was on the table and that it was intimated to the SBPC. SBPG then obtained \$4 million from the CPRA. The amount to fix the pumps is below \$4 million. He reiterated that the SBPC put the canals on the side and that SBPG would deal with the canals. He stated he appreciated Mr. Hassinger's efforts and that Mr. Hassinger has to do what is best for the FPA. He offered to meet with members of the Board to discuss a path forward.

Mr. Hassinger recommended that the Board take up the motions under New Business prior to receiving the presentation and public comments concerning flood protection for Lakefront Airport, in order to ensure a quorum for the votes since two members were required to leave the meeting early for flights out of town. The members of the Board concurred.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-03 - RECOGNIZING THE COMMITMENT AND CONTRIBUTIONS OF RICHARD A. LUETTICH, JR., SCD, TO THE FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY AND TO THE CITIZENS OF LOUISIANA.

On the motion of Mr. Cosse, Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Englande, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

WHEREAS, after the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East was created by the Louisiana State Legislature to provide regional flood protection for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin area; and

WHEREAS, due to his outstanding qualifications, expertise and experience, Dr. Luettich was appointed to serve on February 15, 2012, as a member of the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luettich received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology and Sc.D. in Civil Engineering from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and is the Director of the Institute of Marine Sciences at the University of North Carolina (UNC), Chapel Hill, and Director of the UNC Center for Natural Hazards and Disasters in Chapel Hill; and

WHEREAS, among his numerous professional achievements, Dr. Luettich has published over 100 scientific papers and reports on modeling and observational studies of physical processes in coastal systems, and is a co-developer of the ADCIRC circulation and storm surge model widely used by the academic, government and private sectors and the cornerstone of storm surge studies following hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luettich's service after Hurricane Katrina on the National Academy / National Research Council committees for reviewing the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' study of the factors that led to the catastrophic damage to New Orleans by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita and the Corps' program to evaluate options for a new hurricane protection system for Southern Louisiana, and on the Science and Engineering Advisory Committee of the Water Institute of the Gulf, has significantly improved regional flood protection; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luettich's experience and expertise proved invaluable for the Flood Protection Authority and its member levee districts during the construction of the \$14 billion Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System and was indispensable in the regionalization of the Authority; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luettich's leadership, hard work and devoted service as a member of the Board, as Vice President from October 20, 2016 to June 30, 2019, Treasurer from June 16, 2016 to October 20, 2016, and as a member of the Finance Committee from March 17, 2016 to June 30, 2019 and Coastal Advisory Committee from September 20, 2012 to June 30, 2019, resulted in many positive achievements and a regionalized approach for the management of the flood protection system; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Luettich has continuously strived to achieve the best flood protection possible and has worked tirelessly in the service of the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Richard Luettich for his dedication and contributions during his tenure as a member of its Board of Commissioners and for his devoted service to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

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

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

NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-04 - AGREEMENT WITH UNIVERSAL DATA, INC. FOR LEASING UPGRADED IT INFRASTRUCTURE

Mr. Morgen advised that the Finance Committee considered the proposed agreement with Universal Data, Inc. (UDI) and unanimously recommended that the Board approve the agreement. Three proposals were received for the IT Infrastructure upgrade. The best proposal was received from UDI. The agreement is for a period of five years.

Mr. Miller thanked Roman Dody, Director of Information Technology, for his efforts and commended him for doing an outstanding job on the project. The final proposal did not include the language objected to by the FPA and a 16 percent reduction in cost was realized for the same services.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) has an aging server infrastructure that includes both standalone and virtual servers using local and shared storage, which is in need of an upgrade; and

WHEREAS, the FPA received a quotation from Universal Data, Inc., for the leasing of information technology (IT) infrastructure to accomplish the upgrading and migrating of all servers to a replicated private cloud infrastructure, including updating and consolidating hardware to provide a supported infrastructure with 99.999% availability, with disaster recovery replication between the Franklin and Kenner locations and implementing a verifiable backup solution replicated between the Franklin Avenue and Kenner Facilities to an out of state Data Center; and

WHEREAS, upgraded equipment described in UDI's Quotation No. UDI-SK-001312 Version 9 shall be deployed at the FPA's Franklin and Kenner sites as provided in the quote; and

WHEREAS, the scope of work in the quote includes the implementation of two virtual infrastructures (Franklin Avenue Facility and Kenner Facility); and

WHEREAS, the agreement with Universal Data, Inc. for the upgraded IT infrastructure shall be for a one-year period and shall renew automatically for one-year periods up to a total of five years unless either party gives the other sixty days' prior notice of its intent not to renew the agreement, and contains an option to purchase the property at the end of the five year period subject to certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, the amount of \$331,901.65 shall be paid in advance by the FPA to Universal Data, Inc. for the five year period.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, to execute 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 period of five years at a total cost of \$331,901.65.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-05 - GRASS MAINTENANCE SERVICES
FOR LBBLD LEVEES AS OUTLINED IN BID SPEC GC042418**

Mr. Cosse explained that the grass maintenance services provided by Mike Munna Construction, LLC, were discussed at the Operations Committee meeting. The issuance of a Purchase Order would extend Mr. Munna's services at the same rate for a period of one year.

Mr. Miller advised that the Operations Committee unanimously voted in favor of recommending that the Board approve the issuance of a Purchase Order for the services of Mike Munna Construction, LLC.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) sent out proposals and posted E-Bids on the Central Bidding Website for Furnishing Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Grass Cutting Services for LPV 145 through LPV 149; and

WHEREAS, approximately 949 acres will be cut and maintained under the proposal; and

WHEREAS, seven bids were received with the lowest, most responsible and responsive bidder being Mike Munna Construction, LLC, in the amount of \$13.70 per acre, with weed eating at a cost of \$800.00 per cut; and

WHEREAS, the FPA approved the issuance of a Purchase Order to Mike Munna Construction, LLC for furnishing Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Grass Cutting of Levees LPV 145 through LPV 149 at a cost of \$13.70 per acre along with weed eating costs of \$800.00 per cut for a one year period commencing on June 1, 2018 and ending on May 31, 2019; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) estimated a need for ten full cuts in a 12 month period; however, no quantities are guaranteed; and

WHEREAS, the expected maximum cost of all ten cuts for "all" acreage would be \$138,013.00 annually, if all work is performed on all the acreage.

WHEREAS, LBBLD Specification GC042418 specifically provides that the LBBLD will have the option to renew the contract annually, with Board approval, for up to 36 months, as long as job performance is satisfactory and costs remain firm.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the FPA approves the issuance of a Purchase Order to Mike Munna Construction, LLC for furnishing Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Grass Cutting of Levees LPV 145 through LPV 149 at a cost of \$13.70 per acre along with weed eating costs of \$800.00 per cut for a one year period commencing on June 1, 2019 and ending on May 31, 2020, and authorizes the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, to execute any and all 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. Luetlich, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

Motion to approve advertisement of a Request for Bids for furnishing Labor, Equipment, Materials and Supplies for Grass Cutting of Levees LPV 145 through LPV 149.

Mr. Miller advised that since the Board approved the issuance of a Purchase Order to extend the services of Mike Munna Construction, LLC, for a one year period, the motion to approve the advertisement for bids was no longer needed.

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-06 - SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR SLFPA-E, E.J.L.D., O.L.D. AND LBBLD

On the motion of Mr. Mr. Luetlich,
Seconded by Mr. Englande, 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 Advocate meets the aforementioned criteria for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), 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 Advocate 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, 2019.

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, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, 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. Luettich, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-07 - LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRES

Mr. Morgan explained that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires were discussed by the Finance Committee. The Legislative Auditor requires the completion of the Compliance Questionnaires each year in connection with the annual financial audit. The Questionnaires certify that the FPA is in compliance with State law.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,

Seconded by Mr. Morgan, 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 (FPA), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2019.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA President, FPA Secretary and FPA 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. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and
Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-08 - COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST AND JEFFERSON PARISH PROVIDING FOR FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTION TO OMRR&R COSTS FOR THE 17TH STREET PCCP

Mr. Morgan advised that the Finance Committee considered the proposed Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Jefferson Parish for the 17th Street Canal Permanent Closure and Pumps (PCCP) and recommended that the Board approve the CEA. Since Jefferson Parish pumps into the 17th Street Canal, the CEA provides for Jefferson Parish's cost share based on flowage pumped into the canal by the parish not to exceed \$250,000 per year.

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

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that, "For a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other, with the United States, or its agencies, or with any public or private association, corporation, or individual"; and

WHEREAS, the PARISH and the FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY are authorized to enter into this Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) pursuant to La. R.S. 33:1324 which permits any parish, municipality or political subdivision of the state, or any combination thereof, to make agreements between or among themselves for the operation, repair and maintenance of public projects or improvements including flood control projects; and

WHEREAS, the FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY has responsibility for the Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation ("OMRR&R") responsibilities of the permanent canal closure and pump station located at the 17th Street Outfall Canal ("PCCP"); and

WHEREAS, the PARISH and FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY intend for this Agreement to provide for the respective obligations of each PARTY in relationship to the other, relative to the OMRR&R of the PCCP; and

WHEREAS, Jefferson Parish (the PARISH) wishes to make an annual financial contribution in consideration of the responsibilities of the OMRR&R for the PCCP held by the FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY; and

WHEREAS, this Agreement will be mutually beneficial to the parties in the furtherance of their respective statutory purposes, duties, and authorities, and each party expects to receive benefits for themselves and the public at least equal to the costs of the responsibilities undertaken pursuant hereto; and

WHEREAS, the FPA has certain conditions to be imposed upon Jefferson Parish regarding the OMRR&R for the PCCP that will be incorporated into a CEA.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East agrees to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the FPA and Jefferson Parish, based on the aforementioned terms and conditions.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA President is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, and any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-09 - APPROVAL OF LBBLD FY 2019 BUDGET

Kelli Chandler, Regional Finance Director, explained that the revisions have no net impact on the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District’s (LBBLD) Fiscal Year (FY) 2019 Budget; however, Board approval is required since the revision to expenses is over five percent. The revisions relate to FEMA related expenses for projects that FEMA will reimburse the LBBLD.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) has reviewed the operating results to date for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2019 and as necessary to comply with applicable state law, which requires that budgets be changed to reflect new expectations; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019:

**LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2019 BUDGETS**

	ADOPTED BUDGET GENERAL FUND	ADOPTED CAPITAL PROJECTS	PROPOSED AMENDED CAP PROJ ITEMS	PROPOSED AMENDED BUDGET
REVENUES				
Ad Valorem Taxes	\$3,700,000			\$3,700,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	175,000		2,900,000	3,075,000
Mineral Revenue	-			-
Interest Income	5,000			5,000

Misc Revenue	1,600			1,600
Total Revenue	\$3,881,600	\$0	\$2,900,000	\$6,781,600
EXPENSES				
Personnel Services	\$1,710,400			\$1,710,400
Travel and Training	1,000			1,000
Professional Services	88,100			88,100
Contractual Services	1,201,900	171,000	2,900,000	4,272,900
Materials and Supplies	337,200			337,200
Cost Allocations	927,000			927,000
Other Charges	122,900			122,900
Equipment Purchase	189,900			189,900
Total Expenses	\$4,578,400	171,000	\$2,900,000	\$7,649,400
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	(\$696,800)	(\$171,000)	\$0	(\$867,800)
Litigation & Ins	(\$25,000)	0	0	(\$25,000)
Net Transfers	(\$923,500)	0	0	(\$923,500)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(\$1,645,300)	(\$171,000)	\$0	(\$1,816,300)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	\$4,834,266	(\$300,000)	\$0	\$4,534,266
ESCROW MAINTENANCE	\$0	(\$388,160)	\$0	(\$388,160)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	\$4,534,266	(\$859,160)	\$0	\$2,329,806

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the revisions to the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2019 are approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-10 - DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GUIDELINES (RFQ 2019-001)

Mr. Miller explained that the resolution before the Board, along with the next two resolutions, were considered by the Operations Committee. Proposals were received and evaluated for the proposed services, which will be on standby in the event that an emergency is declared. Seventy-five percent or more of the costs of the emergency services, depending upon the emergency declaration by the President, would be reimbursed by FEMA. Rates will be received from the vendors and contracts will be put in place in the event of an emergency.

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract(s) in place for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) and the levee districts under its jurisdiction to pre-qualify contractors for future competitive bidding after a storm or other qualifying event requires subsequent debris management and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications was published in the Times Picayune and the Daily Journal of Commerce to pre-qualify contractors for competitive bidding after a storm or other qualifying event; and

WHEREAS, the firms have been verified as qualified per FEMA guidelines and the proposal process will be conducted in accordance with FEMA requirements.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that DRC Emergency Services, Ceres Environmental and Philips & Jordan be allowed to contract with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East to provide a proposal for Disaster Debris Management.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, be authorized to sign a Contract 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. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and
Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-11 - MONITORING DISASTER DEBRIS MANAGEMENT IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GUIDELINES (RFQ 2019-002)

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract(s) in place for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) and the levee districts under its jurisdiction to pre-qualify contractors for future competitive bidding for monitoring services after a storm or other qualifying event requires subsequent debris management and disposal services; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications was published in the Times Picayune and the Daily Journal of Commerce to pre-qualify contractors for competitive bidding after a storm or other qualifying event; and

WHEREAS, the firms have been verified as qualified per FEMA guidelines and the proposal process will be conducted in accordance with FEMA requirements.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Rostan, Witt O'Brien and ECM Consultants be allowed to contract with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East to provide a proposal for Monitoring Disaster Debris Management.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, be authorized to sign a Contract 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. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-12 - STRUCTURE MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY (FEMA) GUIDELINES (RFQ 2019-003)

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

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

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract(s) in place for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) and the levee districts under its jurisdiction to pre-qualify contractors for future competitive bidding for Structure Maintenance and Operation Services for structures owned and operated by FPA; and

WHEREAS, operation services may be required due to the threat of a storm event, after a storm has passed, or as part of a routine maintenance plan; and

WHEREAS, the contractors may also be required to provide rapid repairs before a storm event if operations are hindered in some way or after a storm event if the structure has been damaged; and

WHEREAS, a Request for Qualifications was published in the Times Picayune and the Daily Journal of Commerce to pre-qualify contractors for competitive bidding in regards to a storm or other qualifying event; and

WHEREAS, the firms have been verified as qualified per FEMA guidelines and the proposal process will be conducted in accordance with FEMA requirements.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that Cycle Construction Company be allowed to contract with the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East to provide a proposal for Structure Maintenance and Operation Services for structures owned and operated by FPA.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, be authorized to sign a Contract 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. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Miller, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-13 - PROPERTY AND NFIP INSURANCE FOR O.L.D. NON-FLOOD PROTECTION ASSETS

Mr. Morgan advised that the procurement of Property and NFIP Insurance for the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) non-flood protection assets was considered by the Finance Committee and that the Finance Committee recommended approval of the procurement.

Mr. Luettich strongly encouraged the Board in the upcoming months to revisit the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding between the FPA, on behalf of the O.L.D., and the NFPAMA relative to which entity would pay the costs for Property and NFIP Insurance for the non-flood protection properties managed by the NFPAMA. Mr. Morgan added that historically the NFPAMA paid the cost of Property and NFPAMA Insurance. The properties are owned by the O.L.D.; therefore, the MOU provides for the O.L.D. to pay the cost of the Property and NFIP coverages. A question was raised as to whether the cost should be reimbursed fully or partially by the NFPAMA.

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), on behalf of the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.), entered in to a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (NFA) for the management of the non-flood protection assets owned by the O.L.D.; and

WHEREAS, in order to achieve economy of scale, Section 12 of the MOU provides that the O.L.D. through the FPA will purchase property and flood insurance for the non-flood protection assets managed by the NFA; and

WHEREAS, the NFA will coordinate with the FPA to process the premiums that are specified as pass-throughs in existing leases and provide those monies to the FPA quarterly; and

WHEREAS, Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services shopped the market, received quotes and provided the following recommendations for the purchase of the above coverages for a period of one-year commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on July 1, 2020:

- Property Insurance Coverage at a cost not to exceed \$380,000.
- National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) Coverage at a cost not to exceed \$335,000.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, pursuant to the MOU between the FPA and NFA, authorizes the purchase of Property Insurance Coverage and NFIP Insurance as stated above through Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services for a one-year period commencing on July 1, 2019 and ending on July 1, 2020.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer and in his absence the Director of Engineering is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue and Mr. Latiolais

Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, introduced two new staff members. Donald Jerolleman is an Engineer 6 who transferred to the FPA from the Port of New Orleans. Harold Daigle is an Engineer 5 in the PCCP/Complex Structures team who transferred to the FPA from the CPRA.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (continued)

Rachel Perez explained that she was tasked by Senator Bill Cassidy to attend today's meeting and listen to the comments from the community concerning flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. She advised that from the Congressional side, Senator Cassidy's office works tirelessly to try to secure funds for different projects throughout the State, including Lakefront Airport, especially after Hurricane Katrina to ensure that the airport was rebuilt. Therefore, they obviously want to make sure that the infrastructure in the State is protected and supported. She thanked the Board for its efforts to ensure this protection.

Canaan Heard, President and CEO of Protac, LLC, explained that the company provides military and law enforcement training and physical security. Protac trains all four military branches at hangars located at Lakefront Airport. After a natural disaster, helicopters and military upgraded vehicles can be brought to the airport to help people

get back into the city as quickly as possible. Therefore, Protac is very much in favor of flood protection for the airport so that operations can continue after a natural disaster.

Elise Grenier, Fine Arts Conservator, advised that it had been her privilege to have worked to restore the very important examples of art deco period art work original to the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. The art work is important for art and architectural history for the city, state and country. A set of eight murals by internationally renowned artist Xavier Gonzalez is located in the interior of the Terminal building, as well as sculptural friezes, and a monumental fountain designed by renowned sculptor Enrique Alferez is located at the entrance to the Airport. Restoration research by aviation scholars has shown that Lakefront Airport is a very unique example of an architectural airport for the country and history of aviation in general. It is one of very few surviving examples that attest to the golden age of aviation. She explained that as she worked on the art restoration project, visitors approached her from throughout the country who knew more about the airport than she did. Books and articles have been published featuring the airport and the award by Louisiana Landmarks in 2014 for the restoration efforts. The airport has had such notoriety that groups from local schools to preservationists request visits. She commented on the condition of the airport after Hurricane Katrina and the precarious condition of the artwork. She stated that seeing the airport being restored and flourish, and being part of the preservation effort has been extremely gratifying and exciting. She explained that she did not ever want to see the airport in the condition that it was in after Katrina and that this does not ever have to happen. This landmark should be here for centuries to come to speak of our generation as the one responsible for saving and preserving it for future generations.

Eugene Green, Vice Chair of the NFPAMA Board and Chair of the NFPAMA Commercial Real Estate Committee, expressed his support for flood protection for Lakefront Airport. He emphasized that the airport is an important commercial center for the City of New Orleans. Many millions of dollars of business is done at the airport every year. Many businesses that provide valuable services to the community are housed in the Terminal. In addition to being a commercial center, it is also an evacuation and staging center. He stated that he was pleased to work with the FPA, congratulated the members who have served and who are continuing to serve, and added that he looked forward to working with the FPA in the capacity of Vice Chair to see this project happen. He reiterated the importance of flood protection for Lakefront Airport both for commercial as well as evacuation purposes.

Robert Watters explained that he is a Commissioner of the NFPAMA, a Commissioner of the French Quarter Management District and a pilot who learned to fly at Lakefront Airport. As a pilot, he spoke about the value of protecting the airport. Lakefront Airport is not only a reliever airport and a commercial hub, it is very important in terms of the City of New Orleans and its growth. He urged the FPA to protect the airport from flooding.

Bruce Martin, Director of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, read a letter recently received from the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals:

Please accept this letter of support from the Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) to expedite consideration of Funds to advance flood protection and fortification of Lakefront Airport, a site that is crucial to disaster response and recovery plans.

For a catastrophic storm that warrants multiple hospitals evacuating concurrently, Lakefront Airport is the planned primary staging area for ambulances, medical staff, and medically configured aircraft. Lakefront Airport is a critical anchor to the pre-storm movement of 1000+ hospitalized patients for aeromedical evacuation (AE).

The Lakefront Airport location is in close proximity to the multiple evacuating hospitals allowing for a greater volume of patients to be moved in a shorter period of time. A farther site, such as MSY - New Orleans International Airport (Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport), increases significantly the travel time required to move patients from evacuating hospitals to a staging area. In addition, Lakefront is not on Interstate -I0 (1-10), the primary evacuation route for the general population. Congestion on I-10 slows ambulance traffic and reduces the time available for patient evacuation. It is of direct benefit to the evacuating patients to minimize transfer time from hospital-door to a staging-site to reduce stress and the risk of clinical decompensation.

The physical layout of the Lakefront Airport provides a more controlled setting for a complex patient evacuation plan, including available hangars of sufficient size to stage a complex medical footprint needed to prepare patients for transport in medically configured C-130. Packaging of patients to prepare for flight by exchanging equipment for air-worthy models is safer in a hardened or semi-hardened structure with available wrap-around services. The execution time for this pre-storm evacuation is approximately 38 hours and a fortified floodwall would serve to slow the impending storm surge and buy limited time to evacuate staff and medical equipment to safety.

Flood protection would also directly support post-storm efforts. Recovery is dependent upon the return of critical infrastructure to normal operations. If fortified, Lakefront Airport would be available to accept returning patients, supplies, and personnel to support re-opening of evacuated hospitals. Having available hospitals in the affected areas facilitates post-storm rebuilding and recovery efforts. Currently, competition for return of personnel, supplies, and equipment through MSY for industry, post-storm disaster recovery operations and return of general populations to their homes limits support for returning hospitals. Having an alternate option closer to the affected area provides more relief to the affected area.

The efforts at Lakefront Airport have been tested in several full-scale exercises as well as during a live-lab scenario of Hurricane Gustav. Fortifying this property and ensuring flood protection will assure that critical pre and post storm activities are successful. The Louisiana Department of Health (LDH) along with stakeholders of this plan strongly support your serious consideration of this Flood Protection Project.

Rosanne Prats, MHA, ScD

Executive Director, Emergency Preparedness
Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 -Public Health & Medical Response
Louisiana Department of Health (LDH)

Jeff Dye advised that he is representing himself and that he is also of counsel to the NFPAMA. He stated that he was in favor of releasing the Request for Qualifications (RFQs) referred to in Agenda Item XIII.A.6. He explained that in addition to the reasons provided in today's comments, another reason to approve the issuance of the RFQs is that this is the type of project that Moody's and Fitch, the bond rating agencies, are now looking for municipalities and state governments to undertake. This type of project can have a positive effect on bond ratings. In addition, fund managers around the world are starting to look at projects such as flood protection for the airport. He urged the Board to consider the project from a funding standpoint.

Chais Sweat, President of the Lakeshore Property Owners Association, echoed the concerns expressed regarding the economic impact and safety. He explained that the lakefront residents, who enjoy both the benefits of and the burden of the Airport, strongly support the motion on the Board's Agenda relative to flood protection for the Airport. Mr. Sweat provided formal letters of support to the FPA staff.

Anne Coglione, representing Mayor Latoya Cantrell and the City of New Orleans, stated that in addition to the cultural significance of Lakefront Airport, the City recognizes that the site is vital to its emergency evacuation procedures. Therefore, the City of New Orleans strongly supports additional flood protection at the site.

Addie Fanguy with Signature Flight, a Fixed Base Operator (FBO) located at Lakefront Airport, explained that he has worked at the Airport for the past twenty-six years and has been through four floods with the FBO losing over \$4 million. He stated that after Katrina Signature Flight is one of the main reasons that the Airport is still here and that the FBO reopened for business six weeks after Katrina even though there was no business. Signature Flight has lost a lot of business at Lakefront Airport and is continuously advised by flight departments that they do not want to move to the Airport. Therefore, flood protection is critical for the future of Lakefront Airport. Signature Flight is the largest FBO worldwide and fully supports any actions going forward to try to get flood protection for the Airport.

Steven Massicot, representing Group Matrix, expressed his support for the motion concerning flood protection for the Airport. In addition, he presented a letter of support from Richard Sackett and read several lines from the letter: "It is with great urgency that I express my personal support and that of the various businesses that I direct for flood protection for Lakefront Airport. As a native New Orleanian, property owner, tax payer, aviator and business owner, I feel it is incumbent upon me to emphasize the importance of this facility's health, wealth and growth, not just for the City, but the entire trade area, north, south, east and west. I retain the haunting vision of the runways under water in the past. It is in your power not to let this happen again."

Roy Arrigo thanked Mr. Luettich for his service and stated that Mr. Luettich played a role in bringing the FPA to a much better place than when he first arrived. He thanked Mr. Hassinger for his leadership as President over the past several years and stated that he looked forward to his continued service as a Commissioner. He expressed his support for the issuance of the RFQ's relative to flood protection at Lakefront Airport. He stated that any agreement with St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) should be a clean cut and should not include any on-going payments from other citizens. SBPG received \$4 million from the CPRA and should look for on-going payments to operate and maintain the drainage function from its citizens as does every other parish in the State.

Vincent Caire explained that he is an author, historian and former Assistant Director of Lakefront Airport. He expressed his support for flood protection for the Airport and provided some historical information regarding the facility. Lakefront Airport was the first Art Deco airport built in the United States and is tied into Louisiana history being constructed during the governorship of Huey P. Long. The exact same design is used in the ceiling of the Airport Terminal and Louisiana State Capitol Building. Amelia Earhart used Lakefront Airport on her around the world flight. Lakefront Airport, completed in 1933, was one of the first of its kind in the nation and other airports followed suit in the 1930s and 1940s, including New York's LaGuardia Airport and Washington National Airport. He asked that the Board consider and incorporate the Airport's history into its decision making process.

Tom Gibbs explained that he works at the National World War II Museum and represents its President and CEO Steve Watson and Senior Vice President and COO Becky Mackie. Lakefront Airport is very important to the National WW II Museum. The WW II Museum's PT boat (the world's only fully restored combat veteran PT boat from WW II and a national treasure) is located at South Shore Harbor adjacent to the Airport. Mr. Gibbs advised that he is the Director for the Air, Sea and Land Festival, which will be held on October 9-11, 2020, and expressed enthusiasm for the Airport as a great event space, which is another way for the Airport to gain revenue.

Tom Fierke explained that he is the elected Secretary of the NFPAMA Board and is also representing GNO, Inc., Ben Johnson from the New Orleans Chamber of Commerce, UNO, the Louisiana Landmark Society, and himself personally, as a resident of Lake Vista Subdivision, to express support for flood protection for Lakefront Airport. As a retired Army Colonel he reiterated his support for flood protection as the airport is used for pre and post disaster emergency actions. Letters of support were also provided by UNO and the Louisiana Landmark Society.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Farewell video to Robert A. Turner, Jr. from I-STORM.

The farewell video was deferred to the July 18, 2019 Board Meeting.

2. Extending flood protection to the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

Wilma Heaton, Director of Government Affairs, provided a binder to Commissioners and stated that the binder included an executive summary of extending flood protection to the New Orleans Lakefront Airport; a Power Point presentation concerning existing conditions including challenges for emergency preparedness, operational issues, airport floodwall benefits and economic impact and financial data; letters of support; the 406 Hazard Mitigation application and arbitration record; and LA DOTD economic impact of Lakefront Airport and the economic impact of aviation in Louisiana.

Beau Baudier with Design Engineering, Inc., provided the presentation on Extending Flood Protection to the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. He explained that the existing flood protection is located behind Lakefront Airport (LPV 105 and LPV 106). Drainage for the Terminal building and FBOs flows through a gravity drainage system running through the floodwall; therefore, when the floodgate at Hayne Boulevard is closed, drainage for the Terminal and FBOs is also closed off. Thus, during a major hurricane the Airport is without flood protection or drainage.

Mr. Baudier reviewed some of the issues raised by the absence of flood protection at Lakefront Airport, which include:

1. Limited options for emergency preparedness, evacuation and response.
2. Lakefront Airport is a major Flood Protection Authority asset with no flood protection.
3. Major operational issues, including continued drainage problems, inability to attract new tenants, and high flood insurance costs.
4. Continued subsidy of the Airport. The Airport continues to lose money and is subsidized by other NFPAMA managed assets.

Mr. Baudier explained that the possibility of the Airport becoming a net revenue generator rather than a cash drain was considered in the financial analysis. A proposed floodwall configuration (approximately 17,300 LF) was considered in the financial analysis that would allow the reclaiming of an area of land on the northeast portion of the Airport, which could potentially be developed by a third party and where up to 60 tenants could enter into ground leases and build hangars. An independent engineering study is needed of the proposed floodwall configuration.

Mr. Baudier reviewed some of the benefits that would result from flood protection for the Airport:

1. Emergency Preparedness and Response Capabilities - An Emergency Operations Center could be located at the Airport. Lakefront Airport serves as an aeromedical marshalling point for several medical institutions.
2. Economic Impact to the Region – In 2015 DOTD studied the economic impact of every airport in Louisiana and found that Lakefront Airport generates \$66.6 million in economic impact. The same methodology was used and applied to

projections of increased traffic at the Airport. By 2032, with flood protection, the Airport could produce an economic impact of up to \$188.9 million to the region and 2,410 jobs. The increased traffic would result from the proposed 60 new hangar tenants, Part 139 certification (FAA certification allowing commercial charters of up to 30 passengers), and potentially a third party hotel developer constructing a hotel on Airport property.

3. Economic Impact to the Flood Protection Authority – The Airport is currently running a cash flow deficit, which is being subsidized by revenues from other non-flood assets. By 2032, with flood protection, the Airport’s projected cash flow is \$3.7 million. LA R.S. 38:330.12(C) provides for excess revenues from the non-flood protection assets to flow back to the FPA.
4. Benefit-Cost Analysis – The Benefit-Cost Analysis was developed during the FEMA application process. The Benefit-Cost Ratio (BCR) is 2.87. This number understates the BCR because FEMA regulations did not allow the analysis to incorporate the economic impact of the Airport.

Mr. Baudier concluded that there are substantial qualitative and quantitative benefits to providing flood protection for Lakefront Airport.

Mr. Hassinger thanked Mr. Baudier for his efforts in putting together the information and the presentation. He stated that he had the opportunity to review the information and that it represented an impressive analysis.

NEW BUSINESS: (continued)

RESOLUTION NO. 06-20-19-14 - APPROVAL OF ADVERTISEMENT OF RFQS FOR AN ENGINEERING STUDY AND FINANCIAL STUDY OF FLOOD PROTECTION FOR NEW ORLEANS LAKEFRONT AIRPORT

Mr. Hassinger explained that the resolution before the Board would allow the advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for an engineering consultant and a financial consultant for determining the viability of constructing an effective flood defense system at the Lakefront Airport and the financial feasibility of the project.

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

WHEREAS, in 1934 the Orleans Levee District completed construction of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, pursuant to LA R.S. 38:336 and 38:307 which provided the power and authority for the District to reclaim land along the southern portion of Lake Pontchartrain and to construct certain developments and facilities upon said reclaimed lands; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, first as part of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Project authorized by Congress after Hurricane Betsy in 1965 and later as part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage

Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) authorized by Congress after Hurricane Katrina, constructed flood protection behind the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, thereby leaving the Airport completely unprotected and vulnerable to flooding during storm events; and

WHEREAS, after Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), pursuant to LA RS 38:330.1, was established as the governing authority over the East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, and Orleans Levee District, and given the mission of providing flood protection for the region; and

WHEREAS, the enabling legislation that created the FPA also provided for any facility or improvement within the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) not related to flood protection to be managed by the State thru the Division of Administration; however, the legislation specifically provided that such non-flood protection related facilities or improvements would continue to be owned by the O.L.D.; and

WHEREAS, Act 1014 of 2010 transferred the management of O.L.D. facilities or improvements not related to flood protection to the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority; and

WHEREAS, the FPA, on behalf of the O.L.D., and the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (NFPAMA) entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) dated October 1, 2018, to clearly delineate the assets to be managed by the NFPAMA and sets out the responsibilities of the entities; and

WHEREAS, the MOU further provides, in part, that the NFPAMA is responsible for all facilities associated with Lakefront Airport, and in the event that money is allocated for flood protection at the Airport, the FPA will oversee the design, construction, operation and maintenance of the flood protection; and

WHEREAS, Act 151 of the 2019 Regular Legislative Session authorizes the renaming of the NFPAMA to Lakefront Management Authority; and

WHEREAS, Lakefront Airport is a key facility in the Greater New Orleans region for staging pre-storm evacuations and post-storm first responder and disaster relief activities; and

WHEREAS, the Region 1 Medical Institution Evacuation Plan (MIEP) developed after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita for the evacuation of hospitalized patients includes only three facilities: New Orleans Lakefront Airport, NAS JRB New Orleans in Belle Chasse and Armstrong International Airport; and

WHEREAS, the viability for using Lakefront Airport in the MIEP or by any federal, state or local agencies, first responders or disaster relief organizations is significantly marginalized and potentially non-existence before and after a major disaster such as Hurricane Katrina since the airport would shut down when the floodgates that are part of the current flood protection alignment located in back of the airport are closed, and the Airport could not reopen until the floodgates can be reopened and floodwaters recede; and

WHEREAS, the Lakefront Management Authority sought funding for the construction of flood protection for the Airport through an application for a Hazard Mitigation grant; however, the application was denied by FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the Lakefront Management Authority requested that FEMA's denial be reviewed; however, the three judge Arbitration Panel that reviewed FEMA's decision sustained FEMA's rejection by a two to one vote; and

WHEREAS, in the July 2, 2018 ruling of the Arbitration Panel, Judge Zischkau stated the following in his dissent opinion, "The uncontradicted evidence in the record shows that the airport's first responders and emergency personnel saved over 2000 lives in New Orleans in the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina. The rescue and triage operations at the airport implicitly also prevented and minimized injuries to many more people. More lives would have been saved in the first days after Katrina struck New Orleans if the airport itself had not been subject to the significant hurricane-induced flooding and damage."

WHEREAS, Judge Zischkau further stated, "The Authority has presented a compelling hazard mitigation proposal that meets the requirements of Stafford Act Section 406 and FEMA's regulations. Approving the proposal would directly support FEMA's hazard mitigation responsibility to reduce the risk of flood losses, minimize the impact of floods on human life and property, and build a disaster resistant community. Unfortunately, FEMA's rejection of the proposed flood protection system for the airport contradicts the remedial purpose of Section 406 hazard mitigation and ignores its own regulations, policy, and prior practice. The decision to sustain FEMA's rejection leaves the entire airport facility--and a considerable number of people--at risk and unprotected from future hurricanes and flood disasters."

WHEREAS, post Katrina \$78 million federal, state and private dollars were spent repairing and restoring Lakefront Airport facilities; and

WHEREAS, the current estimated value of the assets at Lakefront Airport from a viewpoint of rebuilding those assets should they be destroyed by a flood is approximately \$68 million, and the estimate to rebuild the Airport's tarmac is \$100+ million. These estimates do not include the historical value associated with the terminal building, which was restored to its original historic 1934 art deco architectural design, or the economic impact either directly related to the airport or for Greater New Orleans and the State of Louisiana.

WHEREAS, currently, the potential for further development of Lakefront Airport, a key public asset located in New Orleans East, is nonexistent or at best nominal without flood protection; and

WHEREAS, should the FPA Board elect to move forward with the construction of flood protection for Lakefront Airport, the O.L.D., as owner of the Airport, would be responsible for funding the construction, operation and maintenance of the project; and

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the FPA and the Lakefront Management Authority that the construction of flood protection for Lakefront Airport shall be subject to the O.L.D.'s ability to successfully budget the debt service for the project with the current millage structure in place, and that the citizens of Orleans Parish will not be asked to authorize any new tax for the project; and

WHEREAS, the FPA Board of Commissioners shall be requested to approve each phase of the flood protection project as it progresses.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an engineering study for flood protection at Lakefront Airport and an RFQ for a financial study to develop a strategy for funding said project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Englande, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Miller

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. *“St. Bernard Parish Government v. Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, et al”*, 34th Judicial District Court, Division E, Parish of St. Bernard, Civil Action No. 18-0865
2. *“St. Bernard Parish Government versus Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, et al”*, 34th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Bernard, Division C, Civil Action No. 18-1065
3. *“St. Bernard Parish Government versus Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, et al”*, 34th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St Bernard, Division D, Civil Action No. 18-1018
4. *“St. Bernard Parish Government versus Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, et al”*, 34th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Bernard, Division A, Civil Action No. 18-1066
5. *“St. Bernard Parish Government versus Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, et al”*, 34th Judicial District Court for the Parish of St. Bernard, Division C, Civil Action No. 15-1163”

Mr. Hassinger advised that on Tuesday, after a very successful meeting on Monday with St. Bernard Parish Officials regarding funding issues, he requested that the following item be added to the Board’s agenda, “Motion to adopt a resolution approving a framework for resolution of the litigation and transfer of the pumps.” This motion was also to have been recommended to the St. Bernard Parish Council. However, despite the agreement regarding the recommendation, there was a new proposal, which is unworkable. Therefore, he did not anticipate coming out of Executive Session with an approved framework for resolving the litigation and transferring the pumps since the parties are not even close to an agreement at this time.

Mr. Luettich advised that he requested Michelle White, Executive Counsel, to provide information to the Board regarding the process to divest the FPA of the pumping and interior drainage system.

Ms. White advised that information dealing with the pending litigation and how that may affect the divestiture must be taken up in Executive Session. She explained that based on the discussion at the last Board meeting she roughed out the divestiture should the FPA proceed unilaterally to divest in accordance with the statute and the Board's resolution. State law, which was used for the framework of the resolution adopted by the Board in June, 2018, simply provides that the FPA may divest those drainage and pumping responsibilities that would otherwise fall to the parish. This specific provision seems to contemplate a unilateral divestiture of those responsibilities; however, it does not speak to the practicality side of the issue (e.g., what is done with the assets, people and equipment). The five pending lawsuits could affect the way that this happens and the divestiture could reflect the order of the court in any one of the suits. Based on State law and the June, 2018, Board resolution the FPA can proceed with the divestiture. Subsequent actions of the Board have been to stay the divestiture while in the period of negotiation in order to potentially come to a negotiated agreement for the timing and specifics of the divestiture. If the negotiations have reached an impasse, the mandate to divest remains in effect and the FPA can proceed.

Ms. White further explained that she put together some of the first steps that must be taken, some of which are already underway. The first step is to identify all the assets that pertain specifically to pumping and drainage in St. Bernard Parish, which includes immovable property and all of the appurtenances, and to identify whether ownership is vested in the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) or whether the assets are being managed on behalf of St. Bernard Parish. FPA staff, as well as an attorney who specializes in real estate and titles, are reviewing records, to the extent that they exist, regarding not only the immovable property, but also the existence of servitudes and rights-of-way that the FPA relies on for access to areas serviced. Documentation must be prepared for the transfer of the assets. Given the prohibition on donation of public property, the transfer could potentially be accomplished essentially by operation of law. Once the date is set for the divestiture, since the statute provides the FPA with the ability to divest, it would essentially only take the preparation of a document indicating the FPA's intent to do so by a date certain. The FPA's notice of the date certain would be provided to St. Bernard Parish, and after the date certain the FPA would withdraw its people and reassign them to FPA responsibilities in the LBBLD or elsewhere. This is almost the front to back of a unilateral divestiture. Mostly the front end includes the research pinning down exactly what is included in the divestiture and what must be retained by the FPA.

Mr. Luettich commented that based on the resolution adopted in June, 2018, and the subsequent resolutions adopted by the Board up until May, 2019, the date of the divestiture had moved to July 1, 2019. Ms. White explained that the divestiture could take place on July 1, 2019. She pointed out that the June, 2018, resolution included a paragraph regarding a voluntary financial contribution that would be made by the FPA to St. Bernard Parish, which was tied specifically to the financials for Fiscal Year 2019; therefore, further action may be required by the Board to adjust this number. Mr.

Luettich noted that the resolution adopted by the Board in May, 2019, specifically stated that it was the FPA's intention to give St. Bernard Parish the expiring millage, which amounts to approximately \$1.3 million. Therefore, he felt that this point was made clear by the Board. Ms. White agreed, stating that it is a knowable amount as well.

Mr. Luettich stated that the pieces are in place. He asked if the Board takes no further action, would the divestiture take place by default at the end of June. Ms. White responded, no; a legal document or notice to St. Bernard Parish is needed to set the date certain and to state that after this date the FPA would no longer be servicing the pumping and drainage functions in St. Bernard Parish. Mr. Luettich asked Ms. White was she empowered to write the notice based on the Board's action to date. Ms. White responded, yes. Mr. Luettich stated that by the Board taking no further action, it seemed that Executive Counsel's task is to prepare the notice stating that as of July 1, 2019, the FPA would no longer be running the pumps. Ms. White responded, yes; the resolutions were sufficient for her to move forward with the notification. The Board has no other stay pending on the divestiture.

A motion was offered by Mr. Luettich, seconded by Mr. Morgan, and unanimously adopted by a roll call vote with Mr. Cosse, Mr. Englande, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Luettich, Mr. Morgan and Mr. Weysham voting yea (Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Latiolais, and Mr. Miller were absent) for the Board to convene in Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the Agenda. The Board convened in Executive Session at 12:55 p.m.

A motion was offered by Mr. Luettich, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, for the Board to reconvene in regular session at 2:25 p.m.

Mr. Hassinger advised that the Board had no resolution to pursue in light of the failed negotiations with St. Bernard Parish.

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

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 p.m.