

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

The Special Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on November 21, 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. Miller called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Cosse called the roll and a quorum was present:

**PRESENT:**

Herbert I. Miller, President  
Mark L. Morgan, Vice President  
Clay A. Cosse, Secretary  
Andrew J. Englande, Jr.  
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr.

**ABSENT:**

Quentin D. Dastugue, Treasurer  
Jason P. Latiolais  
K. Randall Noel  
Herbert T. Weysham, III

**OPENING STATEMENT:**

Mr. Miller explained that last month the Flood Protection Authority adopted new millage rates for Orleans Parish based on the recent reassessment of property values. The new millage rates were based on information provided by the Orleans Parish Assessor's Office and were set to remain revenue neutral; i.e., the FPA would collect only the same total dollar amount of funding going forward as it did this year. The FPA was informed this week that the figures it received from the Assessor were incorrect and would result in a \$3 million shortfall compared to revenues currently received. Accordingly, the FPA called this Special Board Meeting to address this matter.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mr. Miller called for public comments. There were no comments from the public.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-21-19-01S - ADOPTION OF ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT  
MILLAGE RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

Mr. Miller read aloud the resolution in its entirety. A roll call vote was taken with Mr. Cosse, Mr. Englande, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Miller and Mr. Morgan voting yea.

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 11-21-19-01S - ADOPTION OF ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT  
MILLAGE RATES FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2020**

**WHEREAS**, there is a need to amend and restate Resolution No. 10-17-19-11 adopted on October 17, 2019, to correct the millage rates provided therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the reassessment of property subject to taxation within the geographic boundaries of the Orleans Levee District (the "District"), the portion of Orleans Parish located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River, made during 2019 as completed for use for tax year 2020 resulted in more assessed valuation than that assessed in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the following ad valorem taxes are levied by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (the "Authority") acting as the governing authority of the Orleans Levee District:

The "**General Tax**" authorized by Article 6 Section 39 (A) of the Louisiana Constitution.

The "**Maintenance Tax**" authorized by the Special Election of March 5, 1974 and imposed by the District's Resolution No. 1-081899.

The "**Special Levee Improvement Tax**" authorized by the Special Election of November 6, 2012.

**WHEREAS**, the Proposition for the November 6, 2012 Special Election for the extension and rededication of the Special Levee Improvement Tax specified that the revenues or proceeds of 0.61 of the 6.07 Mills shall be dedicated and used for the operation and maintenance of the non-revenue producing assets not directly related to drainage or flood protection of the Lakefront Management Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, the following millage rates were adopted by the Authority on behalf of the Orleans Levee District and levied on the 2019 tax rolls: General Tax – 5.46 Mills, Maintenance Tax - .75 Mills and Special Levee Improvement Tax – 6.07 Mills, or a total of 12.28 Mills; and

**WHEREAS**, in accordance with the provisions of Article 7, Section 23 (B) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, as amended, and La. R. S. 47:1705 B., the following adjusted ad valorem tax millage rates would generate the same collection of ad valorem taxes in 2020 as were collected in the year preceding the reassessment (2019):

General Tax - 4.97 Mills  
Maintenance Tax - .68 Mills  
Special Levee Improvement Tax – 5.53 Mills

**WHEREAS**, the Authority has determined that the following ad valorem tax millage rates must be levied on the 2020 tax rolls on all property subject to taxation by the Orleans Levee District in order to meet the needs of the District:

General Tax – 4.97 Mills  
Maintenance Tax - .68 Mills  
Special Levee Improvement Tax – 5.53 Mills with the proceeds of .49 Mills to be dedicated and used for the operation and maintenance of the non-revenue producing assets

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East, acting as the governing authority of the Orleans Levee District, that:

**Section 1. Millage to be levied in 2020.** The following millages are adopted and levied for the tax year 2020 on all property subject to taxation within the portion of Orleans Parish located on the East Bank of the Mississippi River by the Orleans Levee District:

General Tax – 4.97 Mills  
Maintenance Tax - .68 Mills  
Special Levee Improvement Tax – 5.53 Mills

**SECTION 2. Statement of Total Millage to be Levied.** A total of 11.18 mills shall be levied in 2020 for the General Tax, the Maintenance Tax and the Special Levee Improvement Tax.

**SECTION 3. Certification of Levy.** The Authority acting for the District hereby certifies the annual levy of the General Tax, the Maintenance Tax and the Special Levee Improvement Tax to the Council of the City of New Orleans for the purpose of causing the three taxes to be entered on the tax rolls of said City and collected by its Finance Department in the manner and under the conditions and with interest and penalties prescribed by law for City taxes; and such monies, the ad valorem taxes including interest and penalties connected therewith, thus collected shall be paid to the District as provided by law for the tax year 2020.

**SECTION 4. Further Actions.** The President of the Authority or Chief Administrative Officer for the Authority is and they are hereby authorized and empowered to execute any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above purposes.

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. Englande, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Miller and Mr. Morgan  
NAYS: None  
ABSTAINED: None  
ABSENT: Mr. Dastugue, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.