

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2019**

PRESENT: Mark L. Morgan, Chair
Jason P. Latiolais, Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on September 19, 2019, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted by the Committee.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the August 15, 2019, Operations Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

A. Discussion of proposed requests to the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain requests for the Flood Protection Authority, East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District for the Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, explained that each year the FPA has the opportunity to request project funding from the Capital Outlay Program (COP). The deadline for applications, which must be accompanied by a resolution of the Board, is November 1st. The FPA and levee districts must compete with COP funding requests submitted by State and municipal public agencies. The COP funding requests recommended by staff for the FPA and levee districts have been submitted at least once and some multiple years. The projects are not included in the FPA/levee district budgets and are top priority in the list of unfunded projects.

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, reviewed the current funding requests:

- East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) - Reach 1 Jefferson Parish Lakefront Foreshore Protection Repairs - \$10.5 million. The rock dike has subsided and foreshore erosion is taking place. The EJLD does not have funding for this restoration project.
- Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) –
 - Bayou St. John Water Management Improvements - \$875,000. The O.L.D. has a water management program for Bayou St. John. The study

will evaluate the times and duration for opening the valves and determine how much water should enter the Bayou.

- Highway 90 Land Bridge - \$5 million. The land bridge protects Venetian Isles and the eastern part of Orleans Parish from surge coming through the Rigolets.
- Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) – Design and Construct a Safehouse Facility to House LBBLD Staff During a Storm/Emergency Event - \$4 million. The LBBLD does not at this time have a safehouse and staff must currently be safe housed at a St. Bernard Parish facility during a storm/emergency event.
- Flood Protection Authority – Surge Barrier Public Safety and Education/Visitors Center Complex - \$1,250,000. A technical correction will be made to the draft resolution to include the words “public safety” in the project description.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the COP funding requests.

B. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract to Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$177,925.00, for the Tree Trimming and Root Pruning Project for Reach 3A of the Orleans Lakefront Levee between Bayou St. John and London Avenue Canal.

Mr. Humphreys advised that the Tree Trimming and Root Pruning Project is the first phase of Phase 4 of the Seawall Erosion Control Project. In prior phases, the tree trimming was part of the Erosion Control Project contract; however, it was poorly managed by the general contractor. Approximately 40 trees must be removed and additional trees must be trimmed in order to construct Phase 4 of the Erosion Control Project. The project was designed by Design Engineering, Inc. Two bids were received. The lowest responsive/responsible bid was submitted by Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Services, Inc. in the amount of \$177,925.00. The second bid (\$189,300.00) was non-compliant since a corporate resolution was not included with the bid. The engineer’s estimate was about \$200,000. Staff recommended that the project be awarded to Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Services.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract to Twin Shores Landscape and Construction Services, Inc.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:45 a.m.