

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2019**

PRESENT: Mark L. Morgan, Chair  
Clay A. Cosse, Committee Member  
Jason P. Latiolais, Committee Member  
Herbert T. Weysham, III, Committee Member

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on November 21, 2019, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 17, 2019, Operations Committee meeting were approved.

**Public Comments:** None

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of proposed selection of a Consultant for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Flood Protection Feasibility Study / Assessment.**

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, explained that a resolution was adopted by the Board in June authorizing the advertisement of a Request for Qualifications for a Feasibility Study for Flood Protection at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport. Ten Statements of Qualifications were received on September 20<sup>th</sup>. The selection committee was led by Ryan Foster, Engineer, and composed of Quentin Dastugue, Commissioner, Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, and Bruce Martin, Lakefront Airport Deputy Director. The selection committee developed a short list of four firms, conducted interviews with the firms on November 13<sup>th</sup>, and recommended the selection of Arcadis US, Inc. for the study.

Mr. Morgan stated that he knew Arcadis well since the firm performed a lot work for the FPA-West and endorsed the recommendation of Arcadis.

Mr. Humphreys advised that contract rates have not yet been negotiated with Arcadis. A budget is in place for the project. Mr. Boese added that the CPRA's approved rates would be used as the starting point and basis for the negotiations.

The Committee will recommend that the Board select Arcadis for the proposed study.

**B. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorization to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the East Jefferson Foreshore Protection Repair Pilot Project – Reaches 1 and 2.**

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Mr. Humphreys explained that the Reaches 1 and 2 Pilot Project is the first of two studies discussed in the briefing provided to the Operations Committee on October 17<sup>th</sup> on the erosion behind the subsided rock dike located along the East Jefferson Lakefront Levee. The Pilot Projects are located in the two project areas associated with the original construction of the foreshore protection. The Reaches 1 and 2 Pilot Project corresponds with LPV 01.2 (approximately 3 miles) and includes three locations using three methodologies: 1) placement of rip-rap in two layers in the eroded area, 2) backfill with clay and salt resistant marsh grass, and 3) articulated concrete block and Bermuda grass. The plans and specifications have been completed by Jacobs Engineering. The FPA will solicit bids using a list of potential bidders. Staff requests that the Board approve the execution of a contract not to exceed \$150,000 with the lowest responsive and responsible bidder in order to move forward with the project.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the execution of a contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the Reaches 1 and 2 Pilot Project.

**C. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder and authorization to execute said contract in an amount not to exceed \$150,000 for the East Jefferson Foreshore Protection Repair Pilot Project – Reaches 3 and 4.**

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Mr. Humphreys advised that the Reaches 3 and 4 Pilot Project is basically the same as the Reaches 1 and 2 Project; however, rip-rap is not included since it is the most expensive alternative and its use will be represented in the Reaches 1 and 2 Project.

Mr. Morgan asked had feedback been received from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE). Mr. Humphreys advised that he met with USACE representatives who requested the plans for review to ensure that a permit was not required. Initial feedback is that a permit would not be required. Mr. Boese added that USACE representatives informed him multiple of times prior to the submission of the plans that the Pilot Projects would not require a permit; therefore, staff has continued to move forward.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the execution of a contract not to exceed \$150,000 for the Reaches 3 and 4 Pilot Project.

**D. Discussion of the proposed adoption of a resolution for the appropriation of an additional area for a Temporary Road Servitude from Violet S. Melerine, et al. for the Mississippi River Levees and Tributaries, Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Lake Borgne Seepage Control, B/L Station 437+00 to B/L Station 448+00 Project.**

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Michelle White, Executive Counsel, explained that the proposed appropriation supplements the appropriation approved by the Board in March, 2019, for a two-year

temporary road servitude to access the USACE's seepage control project. The appropriated area was not wide enough for some of the equipment to access the project. Therefore, the USACE requested that the temporary road servitude be widened in the area of a curve. The property is owned in division by five parties, four of whom are deceased with unopened successions; therefore, the right-of-entry cannot be accomplished without the supplemental appropriation.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the supplemental appropriation.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:10 a.m.