### MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST BOARD MEETING THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on January 21, 2021, 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 11:00 a.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 K. Randall Noel, Treasurer Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr. Eugene J. Joanen, IV Jason P. Latiolais Herbert T. Weysham, III

### **ABSENT:**

None

#### **ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 19, 2020

On the motion of Mr. Weysham,

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 November 19, 2020.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel

and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

# ELECTION TO FILL THE VACANT OFFICE OF TREASURER FOR THE UNEXPIRED TERM FROM JANUARY 21, 2021 TO JUNE 30, 2021.

Mr. Miller advised that Quentin Dastugue resigned his commission effective December 31, 2021, in order to spend more time with friends and family. Therefore, an election is needed to fill the office of Treasurer, formerly held by Mr. Dastugue, for the unexpired term commencing January 21, 2021 and ending June 30, 2021.

Mr. Miller called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Morgan nominated and Mr. Hassinger seconded the nomination of Mr. Noel. There were no further nominations. Mr. Noel was elected by a unanimous vote of the Board to fill the office of Treasurer.

### RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-02 - ELECTION OF SLFPA-E TREASURER:

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

"A resolution stating the results of the election to fill the unexpired term of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Treasurer."

**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 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS,** Article IV, Section 2, provides that officers shall be elected to serve one year terms; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board at its meeting on June 18, 2020 elected Quentin D. Dastugue to fill the office of Treasurer; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Dastugue resigned from the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East effective December 31, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, an election was held this date and the Board elected K. Randall Noel to fill the vacant office of Treasurer for the unexpired term ending on June 30, 2021.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that, in accordance with election held this date, K. Randall Noel shall fill the office of Treasurer for the unexpired term ending on June 30, 2021.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

### **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:**

Mr. Miller announced that Jason Glenn was selected as the FPA's Employee of the Month.

Mr. Glenn was nominated by his colleagues and selected as the FPA Employee of the Month due his commitment to the FPA and its mission and the way he exemplifies the FPA's values. Mr. Glenn is a Maintenance Repairer 2 in O&M – Floodgates. Mr. Glenn has not only stepped up and performed every task he is assigned, but he goes above and beyond to get the job done. He is always a team player and always willing to help whenever asked or needed to do so. Mr. Glenn was needed one night to take on the role of heavy equipment operator and he did an outstanding job. He took on this task without hesitation or complaining and in a professional manner. It was very bad weather that night, but Mr. Glenn still managed to do a great job. Mr. Glenn always goes above and beyond his job description and duties.

Mr. Glenn has displayed outstanding leadership qualities with the crew, and in the absence of his supervisor he can be depended upon to make sure the crew completes the assigned task. The FPA depends on the contribution of employees such as Mr. Glenn in order to successfully accomplish its flood protection mission. Mr. Glenn is truly an important asset to the FPA.

Mr. Miller announced that Officer Myles Ledet was selected as the FPA's Police Employee of the Month.

Officer Ledet was nominated by his colleagues and selected at the Police Employee of the Month because of his professionalism as a law enforcement officer, and his dedication and commitment to the FPA and public service. Officer Ledet is a Police Officer 2A in the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Police Department.

On November 15, 2020, Officer Ledet observed a vehicle parked illegally on Lake Villa Drive. Upon contact with the occupants, a strong odor of marijuana was emanating from inside the vehicle and their persons. After being advised by the suspects that marijuana was inside the vehicle, a safety/investigatory search began. During this time a Glock 48 with nine unspent 9MM rounds was located as well as 304 grams of marijuana (10.7 ounces) and \$2,592 in cash. Officer Ledet is a tremendous asset to the FPA, the EJLD Police Department and the public we serve.

Mr. Miller explained that the FPA usually selects an Employee of the Year; however, due to their outstanding performances the FPA selected Co-Employees of the Year for 2020. The FPA's Co-Employees of the Year for 2020 are Christopher Lucas and Mike LeBlanc.

Christopher Lucas was selected as the Co-Employee of the Year due to his dedication and commitment to the FPA, its mission and its values. Mr. Lucas joined the FPA on March 25, 2019, and is a Procurement Manager 1 in Finance/Purchasing. Over the past year Mr. Lucas has had to face a number of challenges after three coworkers who made up the remainder of the Purchasing support team retired within a week of each other and with little notice. During this time Mr. Lucas not only stepped up to the plate taking on many extra duties and responsibilities, and did so admirably, he also found time to train Finance's new employees and give the store room at the Franklin facility a complete overhaul.

Mr. Lucas was a tremendous help in establishing the milestones and due dates for the Purchasing/Inventory System Re-Design project and took the lead in cleaning out the store room and identifying and purging obsolete items from inventory. He treats all FPA employees as his customers and goes above and beyond to procure the items they need to get the job done.

Mike LeBlance was selected as the Co-Employee of the Year for exemplifying the FPA's values and his dedication and commitment to the FPA's mission and public service. Mr. LeBlanc joined the FPA on July 8, 2013, and is a Maintenance Superintendent in Operations & Maintenance – Floodgates.

Mr. LeBlanc is well known for his dedication to teamwork and for his hard work, dependability and readiness to help anyone who need it. He takes on any task that is requested, whether or not it specifically relates to his job duties, and completes all tasks meticulously. Mr. LeBlanc consistently provides assistance to the Engineering Department and is a reliable source of information in the field. He has proved himself to be an invaluable part of the organization through his regular day-to-day duties, during typical high tide events and most impressively through his work and coordination during tropical storms and hurricanes.

Mr. LeBlanc recently assisted Engineering during Tropical Storm Beta by conducting periodic gate inspections over the weekend (on a Sunday) as the tides rose to determine the tide elevation in which these gates experienced flooding so that the trigger points for future gate closures could be fine-tuned. During the same day and late into the evening, he also investigated a seepage concern reported by a concerned citizen long after his scheduled shift ended.

Mr. LeBlanc embodies the definition of a mission focused team player and is essential to the successful accomplishment of the FPA's flood defense mission. The FPA is fortunate to have Mr. LeBlanc as a member of its team.

Mr. Miller announced that Sergeant Vance Bieniemy was selected as the FPA's Police Officer of the Year for 2020.

Sgt. Vance Bieniemy was selected as the Police Officer of the Year for his professionalism as a law enforcement officer, his commitment to the FPA and its values, and dedication to public service. Sgt. Bieniemy joined the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D) Police Department on August 23, 2004.

On March 9, 2020, Sgt. Bieniemy, Officer Ryan Frazier, and Officer Gabriel Faucetta responded to a carjacking on the University of New Orleans campus. While effecting a perimeter, a vehicular pursuit ensued with the suspects. The carjackers, who were trailing one another in two separate stolen cars, refused to stop for officers. The vehicles eventually fled in different directions. Sgt. Bieniemy pursued the vehicle that was carjacked, while Officer Frazier and Officer Faucetta pursued the other vehicle. The carjacking perpetrator crashed and fled on foot while discharging a firearm at Sgt. Bieniemy near Interstate 10 and Bullard Avenue. Sgt. Bieniemy continued trailing the perpetrator despite being fired upon. The perpetrator and the weapon were apprehended with the assistance of the New Orleans Police Department.

Sgt. Bieniemy displayed true perseverance and commitment to duty as a law enforcement officer. His courageous actions were the primary factor in the apprehension of the suspect. Sgt. Bieniemy was commended by O.L.D. Police leadership for exemplary performance and dedication to duty. Sgt. Bieniemy is a tremendous asset to the FPA, the law enforcement community and the public we serve.

The Employees of the Month and Employees of the Year were presented Certificates of Commendation and the Board congratulated the employees and expressed their appreciation for their exemplary service.

### **OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS:**

Mr. Miller thanked staff for constructing the shields placed along the Board Room table between Commissioners in order to provide an extra degree of protection during the COVID-19 pandemic. He advised that since Mr. Dastugue was not yet present, the motion to recognized him would be deferred until he arrived.

Mr. Morgan explained that the Operations Committee recently instituted the presentation of a "safety minute" (topic) at each meeting in order to minimize injuries and risks. The safety minute was inadvertently omitted from today's Operations Committee agenda and Mr. Morgan requested that it be presented as part of the Chief Administrative Officer's Report.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

**PRESENTATIONS**: None.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<u>Finance Committee</u>: Mr. Noel, who presided at the Finance Committee as Acting Chair, reported that the Committee meet prior to the Board meeting and considered the following items:

- The Committee reviewed the Board's Investment Policy and discussed potential changes for consideration at a future meeting. A briefing was also received from the FPA's Financial advisor, Richard Kernion, Jr., with Edward Jones.
- The Financial Audit Report for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2020 was discussed and the Committee recommended that the Board adopt the Report.
- The Committee received a list of grants implemented since Hurricane Katrina totaling approximately \$17 million. Approximately \$15 million has been received to-date and about \$1.2 million remains due from FEMA.
- A report was received on the renewal of the FPA's insurance coverages. Cyber Insurance coverage was increased from \$1 million to \$3 million with a premium of approximately \$50,000. The coverage has become increasingly important due to recent cyber-related incidents and the FPA's dependence on technology.
- The Committee recommended that the Board approve the FPA's pursuit of Federal funding for the construction of flood protection at the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

<u>Operations Committee</u>: Mr. Morgan reported that the Operations Committee met prior to the Board meeting and considered seven items for the award of construction contracts and the issuance of task orders for professional services for the projects. The Committee recommended award of the construction contracts to the lowest responsive bidders, except in one case in which the low bidder withdrew his bid due to a mathematical error and the Committee recommended award of the contract to the second lowest bidder. He noted that task orders are being spread across the FPA's list of Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Professional Service Contracts.

<u>Coastal Committee</u>: Mr. Joanen reported that the Coastal Committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed, in general, establishing the role of the Committee. He explained that he would be gathering additional information for establishing objectives and would be requesting feedback from the Board on the objectives. He pointed out that there are a number of on-going activities with respect to coastal issues in the FPA's immediate area and that he and the Engineering staff have identified some win-win situations for discussion at future Committee meetings.

#### REPORT BY CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER:

Mark Theard, Operations and Maintenance Facility Maintenance Manager, provided the safety minute presentation on the topic of walk thru inspections, which can be conducted in the workplace, home or other locations. Significant points in the presentation were:

- Pay attention as you examine the area and look for problems or risks.
- Communicate risks and follow through to ensure the problem is resolved or mitigated.
- Ensure equipment, tools or other objects are returned to their proper location.

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

- COVID-19 update: The FPA has experienced a total of 29 cases (11 cases between March and June and 18 cases since Thanksgiving). None of the recent cases suffered severe symptoms. All FPA employees were surveyed about early vaccination as essential FPA personnel. Human Resources is still tallying the numbers; however, approximately 60 percent of the Authority's personnel indicated that they wish to receive the early vaccination. The FPA is working through its Parish partners on the early vaccinations.
- Mississippi River status: The River reached 10.5-ft. at the Carrollton Gage in mid-January and is dropping (flood stage is 11 feet).
- Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP): The PCCP's primary purpose is
  to prevent storm surge from the lake from entering into the outfall canals.
  However, the water in the outfall canals cannot drop below -1 foot. The
  combination of wind and tide caused the lake to drop below -0.7 feet four times
  since mid-December and the PCCP gates had to be closed twice to keep the
  water level in the canals from dropping too low. An automated alert system
  notifies staff when water elevations reach -0.3 feet. The closures are
  coordinated with the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans.
- The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) annual inspections are scheduled as follows:

East Jefferson - January 21 Lake Borgne - March 2 Orleans - March 9, 11 and 30 Complex Structures - April 12, 14, 19 and 27 PCCP - May 3 - 5

- Asset Management Update: Interviews were conducted with seven firms and brief demonstrations were received. Three firms were shortlisted for 1-1/2 day live demonstrations over the next several weeks. Two firms have multi-functional software (Asset Management and Financial) and one firm has only Asset Management software. Staff will provide a briefing and recommendation on a path forward for the Board in February.
- A serious accident occurred on January 14<sup>th</sup> in which a Lake Borgne pump station operator fell about 13 feet from the upper decking where he was working in Pump Station 8. The employee was air lifted from the site and is currently at University Medical Center in critical, but stable condition. The employee has been able to communicate with his family. FPA staff communicated with the employee via telephone and he does not remember exactly what happened; therefore, the investigation is still on-going in terms of root cause. Officers were dispatched to document the scene, in addition to the quick response received from the St. Bernard Sheriff's Office and EMS. The CAO, Deputy CAO and supervisory chain were also on the scene.

Mr. Morgan pointed out that the budgeting process for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022 budget will begin soon and one of the bigger liabilities is on-going litigation. He requested an update on potential litigation costs and the impact on the next FY budget.

Michelle White, General Counsel, explained that the FPA is currently in the Fourth Circuit Court on all of the St. Bernard Parish suits; therefore, no activity is taking place at this time. The FPA took appeals from St. Bernard Parish and St. Bernard Parish took appeals from the Orleans Parish proceeding; therefore, there are no current expenses related to the suits. The Fourth Circuit Court is expected to move within the next 60 days, which would take the FPA through the appellant process and back down to the trial court. She estimated that another \$60,000 or \$70,000 in fees would be incurred over the course of the year to resolve the litigation, unless it resolves by mutual agreement prior to the end of the litigation.

Mr. Morgan noted that the FPA recently experienced a number of safety incidents and recommended that a safety expert be brought in to conduct a safety audit and provide an overview from a third party prospective.

Mr. Boese advised that the FPA's Safety Director is currently on FMLA for three months. The FPA is working with its Insurance Consultant, Arthur Gallagher, to bring in an on-site safety manager for a minimum of 20 hours per week, which may be expanded to 40 hours per week. Over the next three months the safety manager, who has reach back capability to experts on various safety disciplines, will assess the FPA's operations and facilities. The FPA for the first time will have a fully certified, trained safety professional on site. The FPA has implemented a training program for its approximately 250 employees.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Motion to adopt a resolution recognizing the commitment and contributions of Quentin D. Dastugue to the Flood Protection Authority and to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

Mr. Miller advised that he received a message from Mr. Dastugue stating that he was unable to attend today's meeting; however, he may be able to attend next month's meeting. He said that he would like Mr. Dastugue to be present when the resolution commending him for his service is read. Mr. Morgan offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Noel and unanimously adopted, to defer the motion commending Mr. Dastugue for his service.

### RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-03 - ADOPTION OF FY 2020 FINANCIAL AUDIT REPORT

Mr. Morgan reported that the FY 2020 Financial Audit Report was positive and that the auditor had no findings.

On the motion of Mr. Weysham, Seconded by Mr. Morgan, the following resolution was offered: **WHEREAS**, Ericksen Krentel was retained by the Louisiana Legislative Auditor on behalf of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) to conduct the financial audit of the FPA, East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, Ericksen Krentel completed the aforementioned audit and has issued the Financial Report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East adopts the Financial Report issued by Ericksen Krentel for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2020.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-04 - EXTENSION OF STATE AGENCY MINERAL LEASE NOS. 21825 AND 21826 BETWEEN ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT AND SOUTHERN OIL OF LOUISIANA, LLC

Ms. White advised that the lessee requested a one-year extension of the two leases since it is anticipated that a well can be permitted and spudded within this period. The leases would then go into the production phase. The two leases cover about 39 acres and 60 acres. The rental rate is \$112.50 per acre per year.

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

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, for and on behalf of Orleans Levee District, as lessor, granted to and in favor of Upstream Exploration, LLC, as lessee, that certain Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals, State Agency Lease No. 21825, said lease being recorded among the records of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, in Conveyance Book 1398, at Page 349, under File Number 2018-00002312, (herein said State Agency Lease No. 21825); and

WHEREAS, on June 13, 2018, the Louisiana State Mineral and Energy Board, for and on behalf of Orleans Levee District, as lessor, granted to and in favor of Upstream Exploration, LLC, as lessee, that certain Lease for Oil, Gas and Other Liquid or Gaseous Minerals, State Agency Lease No. 21826, said lease being recorded among the records of Plaquemines Parish, Louisiana, in Conveyance Book 1398, at Page 335, under File Number 2018-00002311, (herein said State Agency Lease No. 21826); and

**WHEREAS**, said State Agency Lease Nos. 21825 and 21826 are now owned of record by Southern Oil of Louisiana, LLC; and

WHEREAS, State Agency Lease Nos. 21825 and 21826 expire on June 13, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, owing to the adverse effects of depressed product prices during the COVID-19 pandemic, lessee's exploration efforts have been hampered and delayed; and

**WHEREAS,** Southern Oil of Louisiana, LLC has requested the Orleans Levee District grant a one-year extension of the primary lease term of State Agency Lease Nos. 21825 and 21826, and the Orleans Levee District has determined same to be in its best interest, providing an additional year of rental and royalty income.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East (FPA) approves the extension of the primary term of Lease Nos. 21825 and 21826 for one additional year, and expiring on June 13, 2022, and authorizes the FPA Chief Administrative Officer to execute said documents and any and all other documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-05 - NEW ORLEANS LAKEFRONT AIRPORT FLOOD PROTECTION

Mr. Hassinger explained that the Board has been dealing with the issue of flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport for some time. The question is can flood protection be constructed at Lakefront Airport to protect its assets, and, if so, what would be the cost and how would it be funded. With Mr. Miller's leadership, the FPA took the first step by retaining ARCADIS for an initial study that included development of options and cost estimates, which ranged from roughly \$150 million to \$330 million. The next step would be fine tuning the cost estimates, which was placed on November Board meeting agenda for approval. Mr. Hassinger advised he was unable to attend the November Board meeting and thanked the Board for deferring action on the agenda item relative to the next step, which would have cost an additional approximately \$300,000.

Mr. Hassinger further explained that in the interim the Presidential election resulted in a new White House administration and, along with a new Congress, there seems to be a strong appetite to provide funding particularly for infrastructure and a number of other items. Therefore, the question before the FPA is whether additional money should be spent studying flood protection or should the FPA pursue Federal funding during the first 100-day push of the new administration. Mr. Hassinger, working with Derek Boese, FPA Chief Administrative Officer, and Wilma Heaton, FPA Director of Governmental Affairs and Chair of the Lakefront Management Authority, proposed that the Board adopt a resolution that could be taken to Washington, D.C., that demonstrates the Board's commitment and willingness to fund the project should Federal and State

funding be obtained. The resolution provides that the FPA approves the commitment of matching funds up to 35 percent or an amount of \$75 million, which would result in total funding in the range of \$200+ million, or the mid-point of the ARCADIS cost estimate. Mr. Hassinger stated that the project cannot be built without Federal funding and that with some work the FPA should be able to secure the Federal funding. He added that State support would also be needed. In the event the FPA is unable to secure Federal and State funding or cannot bond out its matching funds or obtain Bond Commission approval, then the project would not move forward. Should all of these pieces fall into place, the FPA would be able to build flood protection for Lakefront Airport.

Mr. Miller asked the Regional Finance Director would the FPA be able to fund its portion of the cost without any additional millages and would the FPA have the capacity to bond up to \$75 million with the existing millages. Kelli Chandler, Regional Finance Director, responded, yes.

Mr. Hassinger stated that should it become necessary to ask citizens to pay additional taxes, he would be against the project; however, the FPA would not have to ask this.

Mr. Miller explained that although the New Orleans Lakefront Airport was flooded during Hurricane Katrina and experienced serious problems, it was utilized as an evacuation route, which saved several thousand people. Ms. Heaton and the Lakefront Management Authority (LMA) worked diligently in an attempt to secure FEMA funding for airport flood protection. FEMA denied the application for flood protection and the LMA appealed FEMA's decision. Binding arbitration was conducted and the three judge Arbitration Panel sustained FEMA's rejection by a two to one vote. Mr. Miller read into the record important comments made by Judge Zischkau in his dissent opinion:

Judge Zischkau stated, "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."

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."

Mr. Miller stated that this is the reason the Board is being asked to proceed with the proposed resolution and request Federal assistance for the construction of flood

protection for Lakefront Airport, which would save lives should another Katrina-type disaster occur.

On the motion of Mr. Hassinger, Seconded by Mr. Joanen, the following resolution was offered:

**WHEREAS**, the Orleans Levee District is the owner of the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, 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 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, leaving the Airport unprotected and vulnerable to flooding during storm events; 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, New Orleans Lakefront Airport serves as an evacuation point for hospitals in Orleans Parish (population 390,845), Jefferson Parish (population 434,850) and Plaquemines Parish (population 23,338) with said hospitals being directed to use Lakefront Airport as the departure point through the United States Air Force; 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-existent 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**, New Orleans Lakefront Airport is a vital facility utilized in the transportation of critically ill or injured pediatric and adult patients with Ochsner Flight Care and Children's Hospital operating 24-hour transport services, and Air Ambulance 1 and a private charter service providing 24-hour transport of both transplant patients and organs for transplant; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans Lakefront Airport is a Federal asset receiving Federal Aviation Administration Grants for implementation and construction of improvements, including the U.S. Customs and Border Control Station, Air Traffic Control Tower, Instrument Landing System (ILS) and Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS), which is owned by the National Weather Service; and

**WHEREAS**, over \$78 million post Katrina 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 over \$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; 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, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), the governing authority for the Orleans Levee District, recognized the importance of providing flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport not only for the future development of the Airport and the potential impact relative to the development of New Orleans East, but more importantly for the Airport to be able to fulfill its role in the Region 1 Medical Institution Evacuation Plan (MIEP) and as a viable facility in the Greater New Orleans region for staging pre-storm evacuations and post-storm first responder and disaster relief activities; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 06-20-19-14, the FPA authorized the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for an engineering feasibility study for flood protection at Lakefront Airport and an RFQ for a financial study to develop a strategy for funding said project; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of the assessment, 11 initial concepts were considered for providing flood protection with six concepts being eliminated through the first screening process and the remaining five concepts were narrowed to three potentially viable alternatives; and

**WHEREAS**, the most advantageous alignment, which consists of approximately 17,100 linear feet of floodwall, enclosing the Airport's key operational areas, current Fixed Base Operations (FBO), the area for the planned pumping station, and the area planned for future FBO expansion; and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA will request matching Federal funding for the construction of flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, and will pursue the additional funding required for the construction of the aforesaid project from State and other sources; and

WHEREAS, upon the FPA's authorization of the finalized flood protection alignment and methodologies, and verification that Federal funding has been obligated for said project, the FPA, on behalf of the Orleans Levee District, commits to providing 35% of the funding for the project, up to \$75 million, which shall be obtained through the bonding of the debt service for the Orleans Levee District's cost share of the project based upon the current millage structure in place; and

**WHEREAS**, the construction of flood protection for New Orleans Lakefront Airport shall be subject to the FPA's ability to successfully obtain Federal, State or other participation to fund said construction and to budget the debt service for the Orleans Levee District's cost share of the project with the current millage structure in place, and the citizens of Orleans Parish will not be asked to authorize any new tax for the project.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East requests Federal funding for the construction of a flood protection system for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the FPA, on behalf of the Orleans Levee District, commits to providing 35% of the funding for the project, up to \$75 million, upon Board authorization of the construction of the finalized flood protection alignment and methodologies.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the FPA authorizes the pursuit of the additional funding required for said construction from State and other sources.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the President or Chief Administrative Officer is hereby authorized to execute 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. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-06 - AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR FLOODGATE W-33 AND E-07 REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the award of the contract for repairs to Floodgates W-33 and E-07 to the lowest bidder, Boh Bros. Construction, LLC. He explained that the repairs are for two floodgates that were damaged as a result of train derailments and that the railroad will reimburse the FPA for the repair costs.

On the motion of Mr. Hassinger, Seconded by Mr. Noel, the following resolution was offered:

**WHEREAS**, Floodgate W-33, located on the west side of the Industrial Canal directly under the I-10 high rise, was damaged as a result of a train derailment that occurred on January 13, 2019, and Floodgate E-07, located on the east side of the Industrial Canal directly under the I-10 high rise, was damaged as a result of a train derailment that occurred on January 10, 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, the repair plans for the aforementioned floodgates were coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost of the aforementioned floodgate repairs will be reimbursed by the New Orleans Public Belt Railroad and/or any other parties or entities determined liable for said repairs; and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA issued a Task Order to Linfield, Hunter and Junius for the design of the aforementioned floodgate repairs, and by Resolution No. 10-17-19-07, the FPA authorized the issuance of a Task Order to Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc., for Bid Services, Construction Administration and Resident Inspection Services for the Floodgate W-33 and E-07 Repair Project; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 04-18-19-06, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (FPA) authorized the advertisement of the Floodgate W-33 and E-07 Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. OLD O2280556), and seven bids were opened and read at the Orleans Levee District on December 8, 2020, as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC	\$411,620.00
Cycle Construction Co., LLC	\$427,200.00
M. R. Pittman Group, LLC	\$464,850.00
Cuzan Services, LLC	\$484,500.00
Shavers-Whittle Construction, LLC	\$491,250.00
Python Construction	\$569,126.61
Kostmayer Construction, LLC	\$584,000.00

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC, in the amount of \$411,620.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Estimate for the project is \$491,000.00; and **WHEREAS**, funding for the project is included in Budget Line Item BPROJ048.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$411,620.00 to Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC, for the Floodgate W-33 and E-07 Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. OLD O2280556).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute the above mentioned contract with Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC, and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and

Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: Mr. Latiolais

ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-07- AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR MITIGATION OF OUTFALL CANAL EROSION – ORLEANS AVENUE CANAL

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed the proposed award of a contract for the mitigation of outfall canal erosion along the Orleans Avenue Canal. The lowest bidder, Vantage Contractors, LLC, withdrew its bid due to a mathematical error and the Committee recommended that the contract be awarded to the second lowest bidder, Kort's Construction Services, Inc. The bid is below the engineering estimate. He noted that Kort's Construction Services was awarded the contract for the Lakeshore Drive Improvements Seawall Area Erosion Control Paving Project Reach 3A and is doing a good job on the project.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2480736) was advertised and six bids were opened and read at the Orleans Levee District on December 17, 2020, as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Vantage Contractors, LLC	\$2,648,395.00 (withdrawn)
Kort's Construction Services, Inc.	\$3,124,152.00
Cuzan Services, LLC	\$3,162,602.60
Cycle Construction Company, LLC	\$3,494,432.50
TKTMJ, Inc.	\$3,595,827.00
M. R. Pitman Group, LLC	\$3,755,418.00

**WHEREAS,** an affidavit was received from Vantage Contractors, LLC, dated December 21, 2020, formally withdrawing its bid due to a mathematical error; and

**WHEREAS,** the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Kort's Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$3,124,152.00; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Estimate for the base bid project is \$3,135,568.80; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is included in Budget Line Item BPROJ050.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (FPA) authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$3,124,152.00 to Kort's Construction Services, Inc., for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2480736).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute the above mentioned contract with Kort's Construction Services, Inc., and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-08 - ISSUANCE OF TASK ORDER TO N-Y ASSOCIATES FOR ORLEANS AVENUE CANAL EROSION MITIGATION PROJECT

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the issuance of a task order to N-Y Associates for resident inspection services under its ID-IQ contract with the FPA. N-Y Associates had not received any prior task orders for work and the FPA is attempting to spread needed services across its ID-IQ contracts. The design of the project was done by Evans-Graves, which will be retained for technical questions.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the award and execution of a contract for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2480738); and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA entered into an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract (ID-IQ Contract No. 20-06) with N-Y Associates, Inc., to provide resident inspection services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS,** N-Y Associates, Inc., submitted a proposal dated January 7, 2021, to provide resident inspection services for the aforementioned project with a total not to exceed amount of \$125,880.00; and

**WHEREAS,** funding for the aforementioned resident inspection services is included in Budget Line Item BIDIQ04.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the execution of a Task Order with N-Y Associates, Inc., to provide resident inspection services with a not to exceed amount of \$125,880.00 for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2480738).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute said Task Order 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. Hassinger, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-09 - AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR NASA-NOPSI LEVEE (LPV 113) REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the award of the contract for the NASA-NOPSI Levee Repair Project to Circle, LLC. The initial repairs to the levee were designed internally and the previous construction contract came before the Board several times for approval of change orders. The Board decided to close out the original contract, have the project redesigned and rebid the remaining work.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

**WHEREAS,** on February 21, 2013, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers issued its notification of contract completion for LPV 113, consisting of a levee enlargement, channel excavation, foreshore protection works, and levee scour protection; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the NASA Levee (LPV 113) had degraded because of poor grass growth caused by poor levee material; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) advertised and received bids for the NASA Levee Repair Project, and, by Resolution No. 04-19-18-04, dated April 19, 2018, a contract was awarded to Southern Delta Construction, LLC, for said project; and

**WHEREAS**, due to the condition of the soil and its unusually high ph and salinity levels, the contractor was required to strip the levee material deeper than anticipated, and excessive rainfalls during construction resulted in the washout of materials; and

**WHEREAS**, a Change Order to the aforementioned contract was presented to the Board for approval which would have significantly increased the work and fill required to complete the levee repair; and

**WHEREAS**, by Resolution No. 10-18-18-04, the Board elected to rebid the work remaining on the NASA Levee Repair Project in lieu of approving a change order to the contract with Southern Delta Construction, LLC for the additional work; and

**WHEREAS**, the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2110176) was advertised and seven bids were opened and read at the Orleans Levee District on December 15, 2020, as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Circle, LLC	\$1,694,000.00
Cycle Construction Company, LLC	\$2,538,000.00
Durr Heavy Construction, LLC	\$2,487,400.00
Kostmayer Construction, LLC	\$2,982,300.00
Onshore Materials, LLC	\$2,544,650.00
Pontchartrain Partners, LLC	\$1,948,150.00
Shavers-Whittle Construction, LLC	\$2,124,693.00

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Circle, LLC, in the amount of \$1,694,000.00; and

**WHEREAS**, the Engineering Estimate for the aforementioned project is \$2,584,300.00; and

WHEREAS, funding for the project is included in Budget Line Item 02110176.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$1,694,000.00 to Circle, LLC, for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. O2110176).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute the above mentioned contract with Circle, LLC, and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and

Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-10 - ISSUANCE OF TASK ORDER TO HNTB FOR NASA-NOPSI LEVEE (LPV 113) REPAIR PROJECT

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the issuance of a task order to HNTB for construction administration and inspection

services for the NASA-NOPSI Levee Repair Project. Stantec Consulting designed the project and will be kept on retainer in the event there are technical questions.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the award and execution of a contract for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project (O.L.D. Project O2110177); and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA entered into an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract (ID-IQ Contract No. 30-05) with HNTB to provide Civil Engineering services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, HNTB submitted a proposal dated December 17, 2020, to provide construction administration and inspection services for the aforementioned project with a total not to exceed amount of \$165,153.50; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the aforementioned construction administration and inspection services is included in Budget Line Item BIDIQ01.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the execution of a Task Order with HNTB to provide construction administration and inspection services with a not to exceed amount of \$165,153.50 for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project (O.L.D. Project O2110177).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute said Task Order 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. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and

Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

# RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-11 - AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR THE LAKESHORE DRIVE COMPLETE STREETS RECONFIGURATION PROJECT (LAKE MARINA DRIVE TO CANAL BLVD.)

Mr. Morgan advised that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the award of the contract to Cycle Construction for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.). Eight contractors attended the pre-bid conference for the project; however, only two contractors submitted bids. Cycle Construction, which historically has performed quality work for the FPA, submitted the lowest bid, which was only about \$30,000 over the engineering estimate.

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) (O.L.D. Project No. O2440146) was advertised and two bids were opened and read at the Orleans Levee District on December 16, 2020, as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Cycle Construction	\$1,534,688.90
Cuzan Services, LLC	\$1,543,664.18

WHEREAS, the project includes asphalt mill and overlay; reconfiguration of Lakeshore Drive to include a two-way bike lane, center turn lane / median with upgraded pedestrian crosswalks, installation of pedestrian flashing beacons and double arm blue light poles, electrical work including installation of electrical conduits and electrical hand boxes, connections, directional drilling, excavation and backfill, replacement of brick and concrete pavement, debris disposal, and traffic control; and

**WHEREAS**, the lowest responsive and responsible bid was submitted by Cycle Construction in the amount of \$1,534,688.90; and

WHEREAS, the Engineering Estimate for the project is \$1,506,184.25; and WHEREAS, funding for the project is included in Budget Line Item BPROJ053.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East (FPA) authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$1,534,688.90 to Cycle Construction, for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) (O.L.D. Project No. O2440146).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute the above mentioned contract with Cycle Construction, and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and

Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

RESOLUTION NO. 01-21-21-12 - ISSUANCE OF TASK ORDER TO AECOM FOR THE LAKESHORE DRIVE COMPLETE STREETS RECONFIGURATION PROJECT (LAKE MARINA DRIVE TO CANAL BLVD.)

Mr. Morgan explained that the Operations Committee reviewed and recommended the issuance of a task order to AECOM for construction administration and inspection services for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake

Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.). He noted that AECOM, the design engineer for the project, is familiar with the public issues and has quality inspectors.

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

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the award and execution of a contract for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) (O.L.D. Project O2440142); and

WHEREAS, the FPA entered into an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract (ID-IQ Contract No. 30-01) with AECOM to provide Civil Engineering services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, AECOM submitted a proposal dated November 10, 2020 (Fee Summary dated January 7, 2021), to provide construction administration and inspection services for the aforementioned project with a total not to exceed amount of \$159,239.80; and

**WHEREAS**, funding for the aforementioned construction administration and inspection services is included in Budget Line Item BIDIQ01.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the execution of a Task Order with AECOM to provide construction administration and inspection services with a not to exceed amount of \$159,239.80 for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) (O.L.D. Project O2440142).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** that the FPA Chief Administrative Officer, or in his absence the Director of Engineering, is hereby authorized to execute said Task Order 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. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and

Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Hassinger

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on February 18, 2021, at the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, New Orleans, LA.

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