

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
COASTAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON JANUARY 21, 2021**

PRESENT: Eugene J. Joanen, IV, Chair  
Mark L. Morgan, Committee Member  
Herbert T. Weysham, III, Committee Member

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The Coastal Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA or Authority) met on January 21, 2021, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Joanen called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** Mr. Joanen advised that he is still in the beginning stages of gathering the information needed in order to present the Committee's goals to the Board. He explained that he encountered some promising potential projects along Lake Pontchartrain and that he would be continuing his tour around the FPA's confines so that he would be able to present information, based on feedback from the Engineering Department, relative to the FPA's potential needs. He advised that he is also reaching out to the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and other public and private organizations that have interests and stakeholders in the same area and would provide feedback on potential activities that would present win-win situations.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The Committee adopted the agenda as presented.

**Public Comments:** None

**New Business:**

**A. General discussion of the establishment of the role, objectives and goals of the Coastal Committee and potential future projects and efforts.**

Mr. Joanen reiterated that the Coastal Committee is currently in its exploratory phase and that potential projects would be identified in future meetings. He planned to follow up with a memorandum prior to the next meeting concerning the information gathered thus far and would develop a list of items for discussion at the next meeting.

Mr. Weysham asked whether the Morganza to the Gulf Levee System Project would impact the FPA. Mr. Joanen responded that the project, which is west of the FPA, is in its beginning phases and that impact studies are currently on-going. He added that he is researching projects and activities around the perimeter of Lake Pontchartrain to ensure that whatever the FPA spends time and energy on is coordinated with other efforts around the lake. Therefore, he is gathering partners and having discussions with officials and various interest groups. Mr. Weysham clarified that his question regarding the Morganza to the Gulf Levee Project related to the potential displacement of water

and its redirection to other unintended areas. Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, responded that he did not anticipate any concerns in the region because of the distance of the proposed levee from the FPA and its relationship to the river.

Mr. Joanen advised that he has been attending the CPRA's meetings, virtually at this time, so that he is informed regarding its activities, and that his next goal would be to determine each parish's projects and activities so that he can report projects of interest to the Committee.

Mr. Morgan explained that as a past member of the CPRA he was in charge of its Technical Committee. He commented on several items of interest to the CPRA for improving coastal protection, including the use of oyster reefs, which is in the developmental phase, and development of coral reefs and tree lines, as well as new technologies. The FPA can provide input to the CPRA on areas of interest.

Mr. Joanen commented that he is particularly interested in promoting the preservation of constructed infrastructure, such as through the reduction of wave energy along Lake Pontchartrain and other key areas.

Mr. Morgan advised that the Lake Pontchartrain Commission is another entity that deals with these issues and that formerly a past FPA Commissioner had been a member of the organization. He suggested that Mr. Joanen could delegate individuals to monitor some of the various meetings.

Mr. Joanen added that the citizens in the region are interested in this topic not only as it relates to flood protection, but also recreation.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:40 a.m.