

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

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

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on January 21, 2021, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The Committee approved the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on November 19, 2020.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of the award of a contract to Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC, in the amount of \$411,620.00 for the Floodgate W-33 and E-07 Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. OLD O2280556).

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, explained that Floodgates W-33 and E-07 were damaged by train derailments in January, 2019, and that the repairs were delayed due to disputes between the railroads. The project was advertised for bid and seven competitive bids were received. The lowest bid, which was below the engineer's estimate, was submitted by Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC. Mr. Humphreys recommended that the contract be awarded to Boh Brothers Construction. The repair costs will be reimbursed by the railroad.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract for the Floodgate W-33 and E-07 Repair Project to Boh Brothers Construction Co., LLC.

B. Discussion of the award of a contract to Kort's Construction Services, Inc., in the amount of \$3,124,152.00 for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project (O.L.D. Project No. 02480736).

Mr. Humphreys advised that the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project was advertised for bids and six bids were received. The lowest bidder submitted an affidavit withdrawing its bid due to a mathematical error. Kort's Construction Services, Inc., submitted the second lowest bid, which was very competitive and slightly below the engineer's estimate. He noted that Kort's Construction Services, the contractor for Reach 3A of the Seawall Erosion Control Project, is doing good work and recommended that the contract for the Orleans Avenue Canal Erosion Mitigation be awarded to Kort's Construction Services.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project to Kort's Construction Services, Inc.

C. Discussion of the issuance of a Task Order to 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. 02480738).

Mr. Humphreys explained that the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project was designed by Evans Graves and that the firm will provide construction administration services for the project. In an attempt to spread needed services across the FPA's Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Professional Service Contracts as requested by the Board, N-Y Associates was selected to perform the resident inspection services for the project, since the firm had not yet received a task order for work from the FPA. N-Y Associates has a good inspector and presented a good proposal; therefore, Mr. Humphreys recommended that the task order for inspection be issued to N-Y Associates.

Mr. Morgan asked whether N-Y Associates' suit against the Orleans Levee Board presented an issue. Derek Boese, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that the suit had been filed and litigated prior to the establishment of the FPA Board and that he was comfortable with issuing the proposed task order to N-Y Associates.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the issuance of the task order for inspection services for the Mitigation of Outfall Canal Erosion – Orleans Avenue Canal Project to N-Y Associates.

D. Discussion of the award of a contract to Circle, LLC, in the amount of \$1,694,000.00, for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project (O.L.D. Project No. 02110176).

Mr. Humphreys explained that the NASA-NOPSI Levee Repair Project was previously undertaken in-house and was unsuccessful due to problems caused by inclement weather. The levee has remained in poor condition and in need of repair. Stantec Consulting designed the solution; i.e., to undercut and rebuild the levee (about 1-1/2 miles) to the original design elevation. Seven bids were received with Circle, LLC, submitting the lowest bid. Circle is currently working on the ARM-09 (LPV 111) Project and is doing a good job. Mr. Humphreys recommended that the contract be awarded to Circle, LLC. It was pointed

out that the levee is no longer a primary levee as it is located behind the IHNC Surge Barrier.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project to Circle, LLC.

E. Discussion of the issuance of a Task Order to 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).

Mr. Humphreys advised that HNTB provided services for the East Jefferson levee lifts several years ago and did a good job. HNTB provided a good proposal for construction administration and inspection services for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project; therefore, Mr. Humphreys recommended issuance of the task order to HNTB. Stantec Consulting will be retained to provide assistance with technical design issues.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the issuance of the task order for construction administration and inspection services for the NASA-NOPSI Levee (LPV 113) Repair Project to HNTB.

F. Discussion of the award of a contract to Cycle Construction in the amount of \$1,534,688.90 for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) (O.L.D. Project No. O2440146).

Mr. Humphreys explained that the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) was advertised for bid. Eight or nine contractors attended the pre-bid conference; however, only two bids were received. The lowest bid was approximately \$30,000 over the engineer's estimate and the two bids were about \$9,000 apart. The project is important as it provides for pedestrian safety. He advised that Cycle Construction, the lowest bidder, had constructed a number of FPA projects and always did good work; therefore, he recommended that the contract be awarded to Cycle Construction.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) to Cycle Construction.

G. Discussion of the issuance of a Task Order to 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).

Mr. Humphreys explained that AECOM designed the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) and knows the businesses and residents along this stretch of Lakeshore Drive. AECOM has a senior level inspector who had performed good work for the FPA in the past. He recommended that the proposed task order to be issued to AECOM.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the issuance of the task order for construction administration and inspection services for the Lakeshore Drive Complete Streets Reconfiguration Project (Lake Marina Drive to Canal Blvd.) to AECOM.

Mr. Morgan brought to the Committee's attention a proposed change order to the contract for Reach 3A of the Seawall Erosion Control Project in order to repair the erosion caused by the recent tropical storms. The proposed change order is in the amount of \$103,000, which slightly exceeds the approval authority of the Chief Administrative Officer. He recommended moving forward with the Change Order and that it be presented to the Committee at next month's meeting.

Mr. Humphreys clarified that the erosion occurred at the mouth of Bayou St. John and that the change order is for adding rip-rap along both sides of the Bayou. The \$103,000 Change Order is to the \$10.5 million Reach 3A Seawall Erosion Control Project contract. Mr. Boese added that the estimate for the Change Order was received about noon yesterday; therefore, staff was unable to add it to today's agenda. The Change Order will be sent to the FPA President for approval. Mr. Boese stated that the expense is anticipated to be reimbursed by FEMA and that the work should not be delayed until next month's meeting.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:57 a.m.