

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON FEBRUARY 18, 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 February 18, 2021, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Morgan called the meeting to order at 10:50 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 January 21, 2021.

Public Comments: None.

Safety Minute:

Ryan Chartin, Facility Assistant Maintenance Manager for Power Generation for the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP), provided the Safety Minute presentation on hearing conservation. More people suffer a hearing loss due to noise exposure at home than at work. Employees generally wear hearing protection at work; however, they do not practice this safety measure at home. He pointed out that equipment such as lawnmowers and leaf blowers, and even televisions with loud volume levels, can emit sounds over 90 decibels, which is the level for which hearing protection should be worn. Twenty-two million workers per year are exposed to hazardous noise in the workplace and/or at home. He stressed that if a hazardous noise cannot be eliminated, the same hearing protection worn at work should be worn at home. OSHA considers hearing preservation a major priority.

New Business:

- A. Discussion of proposed ratification of approval of Change Order No. 3 in the amount of \$103,530 to the Contract with Kort's Construction Services, Inc., for the Lakeshore Drive Improvements Seawall Area Erosion Control Paving Project Reach 3A (O.L.D. Project No. 27862).**
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Mr. Morgan reminded the Committee that the need to move forward with this change order was discussed at last month's meeting.

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, explained that the change order to repair the erosion experienced as a result of last hurricane season's storms needed to go forward so that the contractor, Kort's Construction Services, Inc. (Kort's), could proceed with the construction of the staircase, which is part of the Reach 3A Seawall Erosion Control Project. A resolution will be presented to the Board to ratify the approval of the change order.

Mr. Morgan noted that FPA policy allows the Chief Administrative Officer to approve change orders up to \$100,000; however, the change order under discussion is in the amount of \$103,530. Mr. Boese pointed out that approval of the change order was received from the President of the Board via email.

The Committee will recommend that the Board ratify the approval of the change order to the contract with Kort's.

B. Discussion of proposed award of a contract to Cycle Construction Company, LLC, in the amount of \$226,769.00 for the Landside Runoff Control Improvements – Reach 1 Jefferson Parish Lakefront Project.

Mr. Humphreys advised that the FPA advertised for bids for the Lakeside Runoff Control Improvements – Reach 1 Jefferson Parish Lakefront Project. Six bids were received. The lowest, responsive bid in the amount of \$226,769 was submitted by Cycle Construction Company, LLC (Cycle). Cycle's bid was reviewed by the FPA's consultant and legal counsel and was found to be responsive and responsible. The engineer's estimate was \$358,047. Cycle was the contractor for a number of FPA projects and has done good work. He recommended that the contract be awarded to Cycle.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract to Cycle.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:00 a.m.