

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 17, 2022**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on March 17, 2022, in the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 6001 Stars and Stripes Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Morgan 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:

Mark L. Morgan, President
Roy M. Arrigo, Vice President
Clay A. Cosse, Secretary
K. Randall Noel, Treasurer
Eugene J. Joanen, IV
Jason P. Latiolais
Herbert I. Miller
Herbert T. Weysham, III

ABSENT:

Richard G. Duplantier, Jr.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo and seconded by Mr. Miller to amend the agenda to add an item to authorize the Board's President to submit a letter in support of funding for coastal projects as defined in the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's (CPRA) Coastal Master Plan. Mr. Morgan advised that the Board is amending the agenda to include this item because the Louisiana Legislature is currently in session and a legislative bill could come up before the Board's next meeting regarding (\$150 million of State Surplus monies and) approximately \$2.5 billion of Federal funding; therefore, the Board wanted to write a letter to support the Legislature spending this money on coastal projects including flood protection. Mr. Morgan called for public comment on the motion to amend the agenda. There was no public comment. The Board voted unanimously to add the item to the agenda (Item XIII.A.6).

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo, seconded by Mr. Joanen and unanimously adopted to adopt the agenda as amended.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD
MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 17, 2022**

The Agenda incorrectly listed the approval of the minutes of the January 20, 2022 meeting instead of the February 17, 2022 meeting. There was no objection to the correction of the meeting date for the approval of minutes.

On the motion of Mr. Miller,
Seconded by Mr. Joanen, 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 February 17, 2022.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:

The Board recognized Tuyet Nguyen, Account Manager 2 in the Finance Department, for being selected the FPA Employee of the Month due to her dedication and teamwork. Ms. Nguyen played a significant role in developing the 160-page budget. She prepared all spreadsheets, gathered information from each department, and ensured that her director had all necessary information for both the quarterly and annual budget reports. Ms. Nguyen also worked overtime occasionally and met with managers on her day off to ensure the budget was completed. And in the midst of this busy season for the Finance Department, she has still taken the time to prepare staff for her upcoming maternity leave. Director of Finance, Denise Businelle, said “Tuyet is quiet, but mighty, and I greatly appreciate her assistance.”

The Board presented a Certificate of Commendation to Ms. Nguyen and congratulated her for being selected the FPA Employee of the Month.

SAFETY MINUTE:

Donald Jerolleman, Engineer 6, presented the Safety Minute on the subject of risks and hazards. Risk is a simple word that is often used, but is misunderstood and misused. He explained that as an engineer he has a different perspective on risks that is based on numbers, calculations and models. Risk and hazard are interconnected, but not interchangeable. In an example using drawing straws, hazard would be the short straw (the consequence of poor luck) and risk would be how many long straws are available. The lower the risk, the greater the number of long straws and there would be a lesser chance of picking the short straw.

Mr. Jerolleman explained that he has found that when people speak of risk, they usually mean hazard. Hazard is easier for people to conceptualize, while most risks can only be determined through elaborate calculations. For instance, people would have a good idea of the hazard of dropping a microwave oven on a person's foot, however,

calculating the risk would be very complex. Studies show that people's perceptions of risks can be off by ten orders of magnitude. Even experts in a particular field can have a perception of risk that is one or two orders of magnitude off. There are factors that affect us. If a perceived hazard is low, it would tend to lower the individual's perception of the risk, or if an individual knows someone who has been affected by a hazard, then he/she would have an increased perception of the risk. For example, everyone understands the hazard faced by a construction worker who is walking on a steel beam 500-feet above the ground. Most would consider him to be at high risk; however, if he follows proper safety guidelines, the risk may actually be considerably low.

Mr. Jerolleman stated that it is important for the FPA, as a public agency that engineers and maintains risk reduction structures, to keep this in mind. The FPA must ensure that proper safety guidelines are developed and used that include, in part, evaluating and enforcing permits, and performing routine maintenance and exercises to ensure that the system and staff will perform as expected without flaw. The FPA must self-check that risks and hazards are properly assessed, and ensure that it informs, explains and clarifies risks and hazards to its decision makers and to the public that we protect. Since individual perceptions can vary, the FPA must build public confidence through its knowledge base, track record and work ethic. He noted that every time Engineering staff came together to solve an issue, public safety was always the governing factor in their decision, and that he saw this tenant in the other FPA's departments and its leadership.

Mr. Jerolleman concluded by saying that the FPA may not make everyone happy with gate closures, permit restrictions and other safety operations, but with the caliber of the FPA staff, the public can rest better when the wind blows.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Morgan stated that all of the Commissioners received a note (email) yesterday from Michelle White, Executive Counsel, about a human resource item. He asked that Ms. White distribute the letter to everyone on the Board so that the Commissioners can digest it and take appropriate actions as it moves forward.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Michael Bayham advised that he was speaking on behalf of St. Bernard Parish President Guy McInnis regarding House Bill (HB) 589, which was introduced by Representative LaCombe and would reduce the amount of right-of-way on both sides of public drainage channels and outfall canals in levee and drainage districts, and that he wanted to register their concern about the bill and its potential impact on St. Bernard Parish communities.

Mr. Cosse asked whether the Commissioners would be receiving a copy of the letter that Mr. Morgan referred to in the Opening Comments. Mr. Morgan responded, yes; he asked for the letter and Ms. White said that she would distribute it. Mr. Cosse requested that the letter be made a part of the public record.

PRESENTATIONS:

Briefing on State Legislative bills filed.

Mr. Morgan advised that he asked Wilma Heaton, Director of Governmental Affairs, to provide a presentation on the 2022 Regular Session of the State Legislature and potential impacts to the FPA.

Ms. Heaton provided a handout to the Board that included a bill status report on the 65 bills being monitored by the FPA, the Board resolutions approving Capital Outlay Funding requests for the FPA and levee districts for FY 2022-2023, the briefing paper on flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, the current allocation of FPA overhead costs, the current levee district millage rates, and the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) bill status report. She noted that Ms. Chandler is a member of the ALBL's Legislative Committee.

Ms. Heaton advised that this is her 26th year monitoring bills for flood protection. Every legislative session is unique and varies in the number of bills introduced. The 2022 Regular Session started on March 14th and ends no later than June 6th. Thus far, over 1,250 bills have been filed. Additional bills can be filed through April 5th. At this time, 65 bills of interest to the FPA are being monitored. The Governor's Budget for Capital Outlay (HB 2), has not yet been filed. Ancillary bills will be filed regarding the approximately \$2.8 billion of funding referred to earlier in the meeting and will be added as priority bills in the tracking.

Ms. Heaton explained that she confines any information provided to State Legislators to what the FPA Board has officially approved. She stressed that she does not take positions on bills or testify for or against any bills, and that she only provides information. She explained that the information that she provides to the Board on important issues that affect the FPA, and on bills that could be amended at the last moment to affect the FPA, is also provided to the Regional Director and key staff members who may be called upon for information.

Ms. Heaton noted that with Commissioner Duplantier's assistance the proposed Surge Barrier Public Safety and Educational/Visitors Center Complex, which the Board has supported for a number of years and was one of the projects for which Capital Outlay Funding was requested, was retitled the International Center for Storm Surge and Climate Change Research and Public Education. She pointed out that the FPA could advocate for funding for this project within the scope of the Board's previous approval from the one-time monies that are available this year.

Ms. Heaton reiterated that staff does not take it upon themselves to take positions for the Board; however, when the Board can provide a letter on a particular important issue, such as flood protection, it is in the FPA's interest to do so because it provides a great tool for seeking funding. Such letters can be provided to the Speaker of the House and President of the Senate, the local legislative delegation and the Governor.

Ms. Heaton pointed out that currently there are two bills of significant interest to the FPA:

- HB 519 was introduced by Representative Raymond Garofalo and authorizes flood protection authority spending across levee districts. This bill must be carefully watched as it addresses the development of a formula to apportion the cost of projects. Currently, FPA overhead is allocated as follows: 61.88% Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.), 29.83% East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) and 8.29% Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD). She cautioned that HB 519 will evolve as the Legislative Session progresses and that discussions with CPRA are anticipated. Representative Garofalo has filed similar bills in past Legislative Sessions.
- HB 589 was introduced by Representative Jeremy LaCombe and relates to levee and drainage districts and servitudes for drainage channels and outfall canals. Ms. Heaton advised that she requested that Ms. White provide a legal memorandum for the Board on this bill due to its legal implications on liability.

Mr. Morgan asked Ms. Chandler for her comments on HB 589. Ms. Chandler stated that the bill reduces the servitude from 100-feet to 50-feet and provides for levee district liability for any damages; therefore, there is some concern regarding this bill.

Mr. Morgan commented that he appreciated the job that Ms. Heaton does relative to Legislative Sessions. Ms. Heaton advised that she would provide updates to the Board and key staff members.

REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

Kelli Chandler, Regional Director, provided the Regional Director's Report:

- Annual Inspections: The FPA did not anticipate any issues. The inspections are scheduled as follows, subject to change due to inclement weather:
 - January 20: EJLD Mississippi River (MRL) Levee/Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) Foreshore Erosion
 - March 9: LBBLD MRL/HSDRRS – Stabilization Slab
 - March 15: O.L.D. St. Bernard Sub-basin
 - March 17: O.L.D. East Sub-basin
 - March 22: O.L.D. Metro MRL & HSDRRS
 - April 4: Surge Barrier Sector Gate and Barge Gate
 - April 6: Caernarvon, Dupre, and PS 8 Valve
 - April 11: Old Bayou Bienvenue Sector Gate and VLG
 - April 26: Seabrook Complex
 - May 2-4: Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP)

- High River: The Mississippi River rose to over 11-feet on March 5th, which activated Stage 1 Flood Fight. Inspections are performed twice per week during Stage 1. The river is forecasted to increase to 12.8-feet and then slowly fall to 10-feet on April 9th.
- Orleans Marina Bulkhead Repair – The project is in its beginning stages. The FPA provided the sheetpile for the project. The contractor is halfway through the blasting and painting process and began installation of the sheetpile. The project is anticipated to be completed in mid-September.
- Diesel Spill Update – Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, attended the After Action Review (AAR) along with multiple stakeholders, including the Department of Environmental Quality, St. Bernard Parish Government, Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries and Collins Environmental Consultants. The stakeholders were appreciative of the FPA's cooperation in providing access. The project is in the Maintenance Phase. About 350,000 gallons of diesel have been collected, which is the estimated amount of diesel that escaped.

Mr. Humphreys reported that the old pipe was replaced with new piping and the area was backfilled. The remaining contaminated soil is anticipated to be removed today. The emergency response is being concluded and remediation will commence. Collins retained a consultant to delineate the horizontal/vertical extent of the design of the remediation. Mr. Morgan stated that he wanted to be ensured that the levee would be returned to the full operational capability that was there before the diesel spill.

Mr. Humphreys added that the permit had been issued for the pipeline repair prior to the spill; however, the pipeline ruptured prior to the 180-day deadline imposed for the repair. Three segments of pipeline were repaired during the pipeline shut down for the emergency repair. The FPA will continue monitoring this situation.

- FPA Job Fair – The FPA will host its first annual Job Fair on April 5, 2022. The event is being promoted to all local colleges and high schools and on social media. Staff from Human Resources (HR) and other departments will be available to assist individuals who wish to apply for jobs on site.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Noel reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. Public comment was received from one individual who inquired about the parking lots adjacent to Pontchartrain Beach and on the lakefront. The FPA will determine whether the parking lot can be made operational and what would be needed to do so. The Regional Finance Director reported to the Committee that both the Legislative Auditors' audit and PRONTO training are on-going. The Committee reviewed the changes to the proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2023 Budgets. There was a reduction in expenditures due to a correction of PRONTO fees. Mr. Noel advised that he would provide additional comments on the changes as the budgets came up for approval. He noted that the insurance quotes received thus far were lower than anticipated.

Operations Committee: Mr. Latiolais reported that the Operations Committee met prior to the Board meeting and discussed the proposed issuance of a Task Order to Meyer Engineers for resident inspection services for the Franklin Complex Warehouse Office Renovations Project. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed Task Order.

Coastal Committee: Mr. Joanen reported that the Coastal Committee met prior to the Board meeting. He advised that he provided a short recap to the Committee of his discussions with the FPA's consultants concerning Federal funding opportunities, and that he was developing a needs list for everything under the FPA's purview. A report will be provided to the Board on the findings and efforts to match needs with potential funding sources. The Committee discussed the adoption of a resolution of support for the use of State surplus funding for coastal projects and issues related to Pontchartrain Beach. Mr. Joanen expressed his support and resolve to see through the efforts that were discussed at the Committee meeting relative to Pontchartrain Beach. In addition, Mr. Joanen presented his vision for a combined Coastal/Technical Committee and advised that a resolution would be prepared and presented to the Board at next month's meeting for a combined Coastal/Technical Committee and that a job description would be developed for a coastal engineer or scientist for coastal/technical issues.

Mr. Noel provided a report on his participation in the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association's (MVFCA) Annual Spring Legislative Meetings in Washington, DC, on March 6-9, 2022. He advised that at the MVFCA's Legislative Day he was able to meet with U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) Mississippi Valley leadership, USACE District Engineers, Congressmen and Senators. The MVFCA focused on FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program Risk Rating 2.0 and funding for the Mississippi River and Tributaries from the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA). Mr. Noel further advised that he discussed funding for flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport with Congressman Graves, and the living shorelines presentation that was provided to the Coastal Committee with Congressman Scalise's aide. He explained that when he approached the USACE District Manager for the New Orleans District regarding the living shoreline projects, he told Mr. Noel that he was unfamiliar with the presentation. Mr. Noel then submitted the presentation to the USACE District Manager. He added that he provided Congressman Graves, who is a member of the Energy and Commerce Committee which oversees airport funding, the information regarding flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport in the hope that he would be able to help with funding for the project.

Mr. Arrigo reported that he attended the March 16th CPRA meeting and that a number of current and potential projects were brought up that affect the FPA's jurisdiction.

Ms. Chandler advised that House Bill 636, which would allow the dedication of dollars from various types of energy production leases in the Gulf to coastal projects, had a great amount of support from the CPRA. Monies received in connection with the BP oil spill will be gone by 2032.

Legal Committee: The Legal Committee did not meet in March. Mr. Morgan noted that Mr. Duplantier was absent and that earlier in the meeting he brought up the letter that was received yesterday and that Ms. White would distribute.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-02 - APPROVAL OF FY 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST

Mr. Noel advised that there was a decrease in expenditures due to a correction that was made to the PRONTO fees included in the initial draft budget.

On the motion of Mr. Noel,

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023:

TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 BUDGETS

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Intergovernmental Revenue	6,900		6,900
Revenue from East Jefferson	3,422,100		3,422,100
Revenue from Lake Borgne	1,557,500		1,557,500
Revenue from Orleans	7,510,100		7,510,100
Interest Income	5,500		5,500
Misc. Revenue	57,800		57,800
Total Revenue	12,559,900		12,559,900
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	7,725,400		7,725,400
Training and Travel	192,800		192,800
Professional Services	594,000		594,000
Contractual Services	2,975,100		2,975,100
Materials and Supplies	276,400		276,400
Equipment Purchases	158,300		158,300
Other Charges	7,900		7,900
Project Related Cost (MMCI)		630,000	630,000
Total Expenses	11,929,900	630,000	12,559,900
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	630,000	(630,000)	

FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR (as of June 30, 2021 per audit)	4,437,413	(1,352,039)	3,085,374
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	5,067,413	(1,982,039)	3,085,374

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 2022, reviewed the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority East General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-03 - APPROVAL OF FY 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST ON BEHALF OF THE EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT

On the motion of Mr. Noel,

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East on behalf of the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023:

TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 BUDGETS

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	10,506,400		10,506,400
Intergovernmental Revenue	509,500		509,500
Interest Income	15,000		15,000

Misc. Revenue	148,900		148,900
Total Revenue	11,179,800		11,179,800
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	3,932,900		3,932,900
Training and Travel	23,200		23,200
Professional Services	81,000		81,000
Contractual Services	926,800		926,800
Materials and Supplies	543,500		543,500
Equipment	1,046,000		1,046,000
Other Charges	330,900		330,900
Cost Sharing	3,422,100		3,422,100
MMCI Services		10,029,200	10,029,200
Total Expenses	10,306,400	10,029,200	20,335,600
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	873,400	(10,029,200)	(9,155,800)
Insurance Proceeds			
Gain/Loss on Fixed Assets	85,000		85,000
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	958,400	(10,029,200)	(9,070,800)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR (per audit)	44,411,406	(2,085,143)	42,326,263
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR - UNRESERVED	45,369,806	(12,114,343)	33,255,463

WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 2022, reviewed the East Jefferson Levee District General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East approves the General Fund Budget of the East Jefferson Levee District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-04 - APPROVAL OF FY 2023 BUDGET FOR THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST ON BEHALF
OF THE ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT**

Mr. Noel advised that the Orleans Levee District FY 2023 Budget includes a line item of \$27 million for the payment of the cost share to the USACE for pre-Katrina work. Initially, \$10 million was set aside for this expense; however, the number was increased to \$27 million to reflect the USACE's latest estimate. The FPA is still in negotiations with the USACE regarding the final number and the USACE will need to justify the additional \$17 million cost.

Mr. Miller commented on the length of time that it has taken to settle the pre-Katrina work cost share issues. Ms. Chandler advised that the EJLD's cost share for pre-Katrina work was just settled at the end of 2021. The O.L.D.'s cost share is the last one remaining on pre-Katrina work. Mr. Morgan pointed out the difficulty in justifying in-kind work that was accomplished over 17 years ago. He stated that the FPA will do what is needed to protect the O.L.D.'s interest. Ms. Chandler explained that FPA and USACE staff will meet to review the calculations when the final bill is presented for the O.L.D.'s cost share and that she would keep the Board apprised as this issue progresses.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East on behalf of the Orleans Levee District (OLD) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023:

TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 BUDGETS

	GENERAL FUND	SLIP FUND	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	21,753,600	18,942,900	40,696,500
Intergovernmental Revenue	1,598,900		1,598,900
Revenue from Lake Borgne	476,400		476,400
Mineral Revenue	256,300		256,300
Interest Income	25,000	35,000	60,000
Misc. Revenue	2,138,000		2,138,000
Total Revenue	26,248,200	18,977,900	45,226,100
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	11,649,600		11,649,600
Training and Travel	64,000		64,000
Professional Services	305,000		305,000
Contractual Services	4,204,900		4,204,900
Materials and Supplies	1,779,000		1,779,000

Equipment	3,433,000		3,433,000
Other Charges	902,200	784,800	1,687,000
Cost Sharing	7,033,700		7,033,700
MMCI Services		37,758,000	37,758,000
Total Expenses	29,371,400	38,542,800	67,914,200
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	(3,123,200)	(19,564,900)	(22,688,100)
Insurance Proceeds			
Transfer to Other Agencies		(27,000,000)	(27,000,000)
Gain/Loss on Fixed Assets	150,000		150,000
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(2,973,200)	(46,564,900)	(49,538,100)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR (per audit)	50,063,235	44,445,621	94,508,856
Less: OPEB Reserve per audit plus FY 22	(13,246,704)		(13,246,704)
Escrow OPEB	(2,000,000)		(2,000,000)
Escrow PCCP	(500,000)		(500,000)
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR - UNRESERVED	31,343,331	(2,119,279)	29,224,052

WHEREAS, the O.L.D. is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 2022, reviewed the O.L.D. General Fund and SLIP Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the General Fund and SLIP Fund Budget of the Orleans Levee District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-05 - APPROVAL OF FY 2023 BUDGET FOR THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST ON BEHALF OF THE LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East on behalf of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023:

TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2023 BUDGETS

	GENERAL FUND	CAPITAL PROJECTS	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	2,792,600		2,792,600
Intergovernmental Revenue	264,400		264,400
Interest Income	500		500
Misc. Revenue	21,100		21,100
Total Revenue	3,078,600		3,078,600
EXPENSES			
Personnel Services	963,900		963,900
Training and Travel			
Professional Services	48,000		48,000
Contractual Services	233,000		233,000
Materials and Supplies	124,400		124,400
Equipment	230,000		230,000
Other Charges	55,100		55,100
Cost Sharing	2,033,900		2,033,900
MMCI Services		1,435,450	1,435,450
Total Expenses	3,688,300	1,435,450	5,123,750
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	(609,700)	(1,435,450)	(2,045,150)
Insurance Proceeds			
Gain/Loss on Fixed Assets	80,000		80,000
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	(529,700)	(1,435,450)	(1,965,150)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR (as of June 30, 2021 per audit)	3,407,362	(335,902)	3,071,460
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR - UNRESERVED	2,877,662	(1,771,352)	1,106,310

WHEREAS, the LBBLD is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2022, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 17, 2022, reviewed the LBBLD General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East approves the General Fund Budget of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2023.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-06 - A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT THE FUNDING OF COASTAL PROJECTS INCLUDED IN THE APPROVED STATE OF LOUISIANA COASTAL MASTER PLAN 2023 DEVELOPED BY THE CPRA AND FLOOD PROTECTION PROJECTS AND IMPROVEMENTS.

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo and seconded by Mr. Joanen to authorize the Board's President to submit a letter in support of funding for coastal projects as defined in CPRA's Coastal Master Plan and any other thing that may come up in the next few days.

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

WHEREAS, since the 1930's Louisiana has experienced the loss of nearly 1,900 square miles of land along its coasts; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, the Louisiana State Legislature created the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and charged it with the coordination of local, state and federal efforts to achieve long-term and comprehensive coastal protection and restoration; and

WHEREAS, extensive research, engineering, science, study and resources have gone into the CPRA's development of the Coastal Master Plan 2023 for the State of Louisiana and into the decisions to designate the limited available funding to the much needed coastal restoration projects; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coastal Master Plan 2023 developed by the CPRA was submitted to the Louisiana State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, the creation and restoration of critical wetlands and coastal ecosystems can help to reduce the impact of hurricane storm surge and provide an additional layer of protection for Louisiana communities; and

WHEREAS, the State of Louisiana has a FY 2022 State Surplus of \$150 million which is available for funding one-time expenses; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) supports the use of the one-time \$150 million FY 2022 State surplus to fund coastal projects that are included in the approved Louisiana Coastal Master Plan 2023 prepared by the CPRA; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 01-21-21-05 to request Federal funding for critically needed flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport, which sits in an unprotected polder created by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers when it walled off the airport during the construction of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Hurricane Protection Plan and the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System; and

WHEREAS, in addition to offering staging for first responders and disaster relief organizations after a hurricane or other disaster, the New Orleans Lakefront Airport serves as an evacuation point for hospitals in Orleans, Jefferson and Plaquemines Parishes and is one of only three facilities designated in the Region 1 Medical Institution Evacuation Plan developed after Hurricanes Katrina and Rita; and

WHEREAS, funding is also available for the construction of infrastructure through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Disaster Recovery Act (PL 117-43); and

WHEREAS, the SLFPA-E further supports the designation of funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Disaster Recovery Act (PL 117-43) for the construction of flood protection projects and improvements, and in particular the critically needed flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the President of the Board of Commissioners to submit a letter to the Louisiana State Legislature to support the use of FY 2022 State Surplus monies to fund coastal projects that are included in the approved State of Louisiana Coastal Master Plan 2023 prepared by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, and funding from the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Disaster Recovery Act (PL 117-43) for flood protection projects and improvements, and in particular the critically needed flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

RESOLUTION NO. 03-17-22-07 - APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER WITH MEYER ENGINEERS FOR RESIDENT INSPECTION SERVICES FOR SLFPA-E WAREHOUSE OFFICE RENOVATIONS PROJECT

Mr. Humphreys explained that the Task Order for resident inspection is for a not-to-exceed amount of \$123,930.00 and that FPA staff would be able to manage the contract since the work will take place in the Franklin Complex. Mr. Morgan further

explained that Meyer Engineers designed the project and would be the certifying engineer; however, in-house staff can help monitor the project, which reduces the amount of consulting services that will be needed.

On the motion of Mr. Latiolais,
Seconded by Mr. Miller, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, on January 20, 2022, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) approved the execution of a contract in the amount of \$4,779,000 to CM Combs Construction, LLC, for the SLFPA-E Warehouse Office Renovations Project; and

WHEREAS, the FPA currently has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract with Meyer Engineers, Ltd., for providing Support Services; and

WHEREAS, Meyer Engineers, Ltd., submitted a proposal dated February 14, 2021, to provide Resident Inspection Services for a not-to-exceed amount of \$123,930.00 for the aforementioned project; and

WHEREAS, funding for said Resident Inspection Services is included in Budget Line Item BIDIQ05.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the issuance of a Task Order to Meyer Engineers, Ltd., with a not-to-exceed amount of \$123,930.00 for Resident Inspection Services for the SLFPA-E Warehouse Office Renovations Project, and authorizes the Regional Director, and in her absence the Director of Engineering, to execute said Task Order 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. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,
Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Duplantier

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.