# MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST BOARD MEETING WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2022

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on April 20, 2022, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, 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 Richard G. Duplantier, Jr. Eugene J. Joanen, IV Jason P. Latiolais Herbert I. Miller Herbert T. Weysham, III

#### **ABSENT:**

None

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

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

### RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-22-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 17, 2022

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

Seconded by Mr. Weysham, 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 March 17, 2022.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller.

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

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

The Board recognized Mike Mai for being selected the FPA Employee of the Month. Mr. Mai is a Maintenance Repairer 2 with Complex Structures. He is described as a "dedicated employee who is very punctual and always willing to help anyone at any given moment without question." His immediate supervisor says, "he completes all assignments in a timely manner and is a great asset to the Complex Structure Crew." The Leader of the Complex Structures Team adds "Mike's commitment to the Flood Protection Authority East's mission is unwavering. He can be counted on to assist in any way possible to accomplish the goal of the FPA while continuing to grow as a vital part of the Complex Structures Team."

The Board recognized Orleans Levee District Police Officer Chuck Badon for being selected the Police Officer of the Month and presented a Meritorious Award to Officer Badon for his courageous and heroic actions. His platoon commander says Officer Badon continues to be an asset to the department; always going above and beyond to assist and protect the community he serves. In fact, while conducting a river levee check last month in the French Quarter, Office Badon observed two men fighting in the street. One of the men was choking the other from behind. Officer Badon attempted to separate the two and break the choke hold several times using verbal commands and open hand techniques. He was finally able to break the hold, but the man being choked pulled a gun and tried to shoot the man choking him. Officer Badon "quickly grabbed the cylinder of the revolver as the subject was pulling the trigger not allowing the cylinder to rotate and keeping the weapon from firing. Officer Badon was then able to disarm the subject and take him into custody." Officer Badon's platoon commander says, "it should be noted that not only did Officer Badon save one person's life, there were large crowds in the area and any discharge from the firearm could have easily struck an innocent pedestrian." He added, "this incident should serve as a reminder that officers put their lives on the line every day to protect the communities they serve."

The Board congratulated Mike Mai for being selected the FPA Employee of the Month and Officer Badon for being selected the Police Officer of the Month and for receiving a Meritorious Award for his heroic actions.

Mr. Morgan stated that for the past two months he asked two of the FPA's more senior employees (Wilma Heaton and Glenda Boudreaux) to write messages for the employees' newsletter and that they did an outstanding job. He said that Ms. Heaton and Ms. Boudreaux have a long history with the FPA and that the Board appreciated their years of service. He added that he did not know what the future may hold, but that he hoped that after he moves on that they can continue to serve. Mr. Joanen commented that both of Ms. Heaton's and Ms. Boudreaux's entries were amazing and that he wished the newsletter had more of this type of message. He said that he wanted to recognize their years of service and that their perspective and roles are invaluable to the FPA.

#### **SAFETY MINUTE:**

Clay Bardwell, Safety Coordinator, presented the Safety Minute. He explained that last week the FPA held its first in-person Safety Meeting in over two years and that the event was a huge success with about 200 employees in attendance. Awards were presented for years of service and a safety presentation was provided. The presentation included a recap of the previous year and current safety trends. Due to the reporting and tracking of incidents, the FPA was able to demonstrate its success in creating and maintaining a safer work environment. The total reportable incident rate is currently half of what it was in 2018. Efforts are being put into being proactive, instead of reactive, in order to reach the FPA's goal of zero incidents. The FPA will focus on training, awareness, resources and reporting. He stressed the importance of reporting and tracking and thanked everyone who helped put together the event.

Mr. Arrigo commented that he attended the Safety Meeting and that the presentation was informative. He advised that he interacted with employees at the meeting and that the employees were happy, healthy and focused on the mission of flood protection, and that he told employees that the Board appreciated their efforts.

Mr. Morgan commented that raising the awareness of safety to the Board level may be making a difference and emphasized the importance of employees safely performing their jobs.

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

Mr. Morgan called upon the Commissioners, and especially Mr. Cosse as the meeting was being held in St. Bernard Parish, for comment.

Mr. Cosse stated that since the Board only meets once a month that he would like the Commissioners to consider a few things. He explained that he supported the proposed amendments to the Board's Bylaws; however, in his review of the document, he noticed that the FPA President would have the power to hire and fire individuals in certain unclassified positions and advised that he had a problem with the proposed revision. He reminded the Board that the President only serves a couple of years and that, technically, a new Commissioner on the Board could be elected who may want to "clean house" and hire his people. This has happened before where a new member was moved straight to the top. In addition, input from the entire Board based on the Commissioners' knowledge and experience with FPA operations would prove helpful in getting the right people in the right spots. Therefore, he disagreed with some of the revisions that were proposed. In addition, he stated that he would like to see the words "appointing authority", which caused confusion in the last selection process, deleted and that the authorizations be spelled out. He asked that the Board consider his comments.

Mr. Morgan advised that the proposed changes to the Bylaws were discussed in the Legal Committee meeting and that Mr. Duplantier could address Mr. Cosse's comments during the Legal Committee Report.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None.

**PRESENTATIONS**: None.

#### REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

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

- Annual Inspections The inspections have gone very well and the FPA has
  received positive feedback. The ISTORM (international network for storm surge
  barriers) team will be in New Orleans and will participate in the annual inspection
  of the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP), which will be held during
  the first week of May.
- High River The Mississippi River level is over 11 feet; therefore, the FPA is continuing inspections twice per week. The river is predicted to drop below 11 feet about May 7th.
- The FPA Job Fair was held on April 5<sup>th</sup> and had a good turnout. The HR team was commended for their work on the event.
- Safety and Employee Appreciation Day 138 employees were recognized for their years of service (starting with 2 years, then 5 years and then in increments of 5 years). The FPA staff was commended for their efforts and the event was well received.

#### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

<u>Finance Committee</u>: Mr. Noel reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee discussed the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District's (LBBLD) millage rates for 2022 and recommended that the Board adopt the proposed rates. The Committee also discussed the disposition of Finance records that, in accordance with the FPA's Record Retention Policy, are no longer needed, and the status of the parking lot located west of Pontchartrain Beach.

<u>Operations Committee</u>: Mr. Latiolais reported that the Operations Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee discussed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for the maintenance of five mitigation projects over the next five years. Mr. Miller advised that after the meeting he received additional information and that he was now in favor of the IGA. Therefore, there was a unanimous consensus of the Committee members to recommend that the Board approve the proposed IGA.

Mr. Latiolais also advised that the Committee considered a proposed Task Order with Linfield, Hunter and Junius for surveying Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) embankments. The Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed Task Order.

<u>Coastal Committee</u>: Mr. Joanen reported that the Coastal Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee received a report from Mr. Arrigo on his recent experiences with the CPRA. Mr. Joanen noted at the Committee meeting that he and Mr. Morgan would be stepping down from the FPA in a couple of months and asked that the other Board members consider serving on the Coastal Committee. He advised that he was developing a report on the needs list for the FPA, which would be distributed prior to the next meeting. In addition, he would be fine tuning the job descriptions for two proposed positions that would support the Committee's efforts.

Mr. Morgan pointed out that a motion to change the name of the Coastal Committee to include technical aspects was on the Board's agenda for consideration.

Legal Committee: Mr. Duplantier reported that the Legal Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee received an update by Michelle White, Executive Counsel. The Robert litigation has been scheduled for trial on September 6, 2022. There was no new uninsured litigation since the last meeting; however, there was an on-going dispute with Kort's Construction and the FPA is attempting to negotiate a resolution relative to the liquidated damages claim. The Committee approved, with some revisions, the proposed amendments to the FPA's Bylaws that had been distributed. The primary change to the amendments that were sent to the Board was the removal of the following sentence relative to the revision of §5 (Appointment of Executive Staff), "Any interim appointee shall not be eligible for the permanent position." In addition, some typographical errors would be corrected.

Mr. Duplantier advised that the proposed amendments to the Bylaws must be provided to Commissioners twenty days in advance of the next meeting (the meeting at which the amendments are voted on for approval). He added that he believed that the proposed amendments address the issues discussed earlier in the meeting by Mr. Cosse since Board approval of the selection and termination of certain positions would be required. However, after receipt of the amendment, should Mr. Cosse wish to email him his concerns, he would be happy to consider them.

Mr. Joanen asked about other Commissioners who wished to comment regarding the proposed amendments. Mr. Duplantier requested that Commissioners send their comments to him within the next ten days. Mr. Morgan added that, if needed, the Board could defer the approval of the proposed amendments to the Bylaws another 30 days.

Mr. Cosse advised that he would have to take a closer look at the following phrases that are included in the proposed amendments: §5 "the President shall retain the authority…", §4 "the Board may establish the duties and qualifications…" and "the Board may hire one or more…", and §2 and §3 "the Board may hire one or more".

Mr. Duplantier clarified that for the permanent position the proposed amendment provides that the President shall retain the authority and hire unclassified employees without Board approval except for four positions (Administrative Assistant, Executive Counsel, Director of Engineering and Regional Director). The Board must approve the permanent selection or termination of these four main executive staff positions.

Mr. Cosse asked the number of unclassified positions. Ms. Chandler responded that the FPA had a total of about 11 or 12 unclassified positions. Mr. Cosse pointed out that it would not burden the Board to approve 11 positions. Mr. Duplantier disagreed with Mr. Cosse and stated that this was the reason he limited the number to the main four positions. He stated that it was too much for the Board to approve retentions for all unclassified positions and that it was getting into the minutia. Board approval of the four positions (Administrative Assistant, Executive Counsel, Director of Engineering and Regional Director) is sufficient to provide the oversight that is necessary. Board approval of all unclassified employees would get too much into the micromanagement of the operations. Mr. Cosse voiced his disagreement and reiterated that it is only 11 positions and that the Board should not at any point have to replace all 11 employees at the same time. Mr. Duplantier stated that he understood Mr. Cosse's position and that other people had raised the same issue; however, he disagreed and stated that this (the proposed amendments as approved by the Legal Committee) was what he proposed. He welcomed Mr. Cosse to provide his proposed amendment at the meeting and reiterated that his proposed amendments would be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Mr. Joanen inquired about amending other sections of the Bylaws and asked should comments be restricted to just the proposed amendments that had been provided. Mr. Duplantier stated that should Mr. Joanen wish to address other sections of the Bylaws, he would be happy to take a look at the other issues.

Mr. Morgan requested that Ms. Chandler send the list of current unclassified positions to Board members. Mr. Joanen requested a copy of the current organizational chart. Ms. Chandler responded that due to its size she could provide a link to the organizational chart. Mr. Joanen asked, in the event of an unanticipated absence, was there a Deputy Director or other individual designated to step in for the Regional Director. Ms. Chandler advised that in her absence the Director of Engineering could step in. Mr. Joanen stated that he would like to see the designation of an individual clearly defined. Ms. Chandler explained that the FPA had a Deputy Chief Administrative Officer; however, that position over time changed in nature and focused on safety and security. Mr. Humphreys advised that in the past the Chief Administrative Officer would designate who was in authority when he went on vacation. He added that the Comprehensive Emergency Operations Management Plan includes an organization chart and spells out who is in charge in event of an absence.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**:

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-22-02 – CERTIFICATION OF LBBLD MILLAGE RATES**

Mr. Cosse read aloud the entire resolution. Mr. Morgan noted that in the 2020 reassessment property values in St. Bernard Parish decreased. The Board would be levying and certifying the same millage rates for 2022 as it did for 2021. Mr. Cosse called the roll for the vote on the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Cosse.

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

#### **LBBLD TAX RESOLUTION - 2022**

## A RESOLUTION LEVYING AND IMPOSING MILLAGE RATES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR TAX YEAR 2022 ON ALL THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, acting as the governing authority of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, Louisiana (the "District"), to levy taxes and assessments for the year 2022;

**BE IT RESOLVED** by the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, acting as the governing authority of said District, that:

**SECTION 1**. Operation and Maintenance Taxes. Under the authority of the Constitution and Laws of the State of Louisiana, the following millages for special taxes are hereby levied, assessed and imposed on all the property in the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, Louisiana (the "District"), for the year 2022, for the respective purposes described below:

2022 Millage Rate	Election Date	Type of Tax	Years Authorized	Purpose
3.99	N/A	Ad Valorem	N/A	Constitutional Tax (LA Constitution Article VI, Section 39)
3.13	Oct. 22, 2011	Ad Valorem	2015-2044	Constructing and maintaining necessary levees, levee drainage, flood protection, hurricane flood protection and all other purposes incidental thereto which tax may be used as security for bonds or other evidences of indebtedness to be used to pay costs of such projects

**SECTION 2**. Local or Forced Contribution. Under the authority of Part II and Sub-Part B of Part VI, Chapter 4, Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and specifically pursuant to LSA-R.S. 38:421 (F) and other constitutional and statutory authority supplemental thereto, a local or forced contribution of Sixty and 00/100 Dollars (\$60.00) per mile of railroad lines within the District is hereby levied and assessed for the year 2022, for the purpose of constructing and maintaining levees, levee drainage, and for all other purposes incidental thereto.

**SECTION 3**. <u>Collection of Taxes</u>. The proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Bernard, State of Louisiana, are hereby empowered, authorized and directed to spread said taxes and assessment, as set forth above, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes and

assessment imposed for and on behalf of the District according to law, and the taxes and assessment herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all the property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and the collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Specifically, the Assessor of the Parish of St. Bernard shall extend said taxes and assessment on said assessment roll as required by law, and the Sheriff and ex officio tax collector of the Parish of St. Bernard shall collect said taxes and assessment in the same manner as state taxes are collected and shall settle therefore with the State Treasurer, as provided by Section 404 of Title 38 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended; provided, however the proceeds of any tax levied specifically for payment of general obligation bonds shall be remitted to the District pursuant to the authority of Section 551.9 of Title 39 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, and other constitutional and statutory authority.

Certified copies of this resolution shall be forwarded to the St. Bernard Parish Assessor and to the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff and ex officio tax collector as complete authority to levy and collect the taxes and assessment herein provided.

**SECTION 4**. <u>Publication</u>. This resolution shall be published one time in the official journal of the District in the manner provided by law.

**SECTION 5**. Effective Date. This resolution shall become effective immediately.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the vote thereupon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,

Mr. Morgan, Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

**ABSTENTIONS**: None

#### RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-22-03 - COASTAL & TECHNICAL COMMITTEE

Mr. Joanen offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to amend the resolution by removing the second and third to last WHEREAS paragraphs and the BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED paragraph, all of which related to the creation and staffing of two FPA engineer and/or scientist staff positions. Mr. Joanen advised that the creation of the two positions would be adjusted and addressed at the next meeting. He explained that he would also develop a scope, which would be provided to the Regional Director and Director of Engineering, for consideration of an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contract.

On the motion of Mr. Joanen,

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

**WHEREAS,** after the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East was created by the Louisiana State

Legislature to provide regional flood protection for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin area; and

WHEREAS, in response to Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) received Congressional authorization to construct the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System across five parishes (Orleans, Jefferson, St. Bernard, St. Charles and Plaquemines) at a cost of \$14.6 billion to provide a 100-year level of risk reduction (reduced risk from a storm surge that has a 1% chance of occurring or being exceeded in any given year); and

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 2005, the Louisiana Legislature restructured the State's Wetland Conservation and Restoration Authority to form the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) charged with the development and implementation of a coastal master plan for the State of Louisiana; and

**WHEREAS**, multiple funding sources exist for coastal restoration and projection projects, including the CPRA; Coastal Wetland Planning, Protection and Restoration Act (CWPPRA); Water Resources Development Act (WRDA); and Coastal Impact Assistance Program (CIPA), and

**WHEREAS,** recently, funding has become available for the construction of projects, such as green infrastructure, through the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) and the Disaster Recovery Act (PL 117-43); and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Advisory Committee, now known as the Coastal Committee, was established in April, 2010, to review and monitor coastal projects in the Pontchartrain Basin and provide information and advice to the FPA Board; and

**WHEREAS**, with predictions of sea level rise and more intense tropical storms and hurricanes due to climate change, additional layers of protection from storm surge are becoming increasingly necessary; and

**WHEREAS**, the creation and restoration of critical wetlands and coastal ecosystems can provide a buffer for storm surge, thus reducing its impact, as well as dissipate storm and day-to-day wave energy providing shoreline erosion control and reducing erosion to hardened HSDRRS structures; and

WHEREAS, wetland and green infrastructure projects, such as living shorelines, provide additional benefits for the public, including, improved water quality by natural filtration and treatment of urban runoff and stormwater discharge, improved air quality by capturing and storing airborne toxins, recreate historical local habitats and promote biodiversity, and provide opportunities for environmental education, research and public awareness and recreational activities; and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA wishes to expand the mission of the Coastal Committee and establish the Coastal and Technical Committee with the mission of investigating, implementing, monitoring, supporting and advocating for sustainable coastal wetland and other green infrastructure projects that augment hurricane storm surge protection and mitigate shoreline erosion and damage to the HSDRRS, as well as explore technologies and methodologies that can further the FPA's mission; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal and Technical Committee shall aggressively seek and pursue Federal, State and other funding for the design, construction and monitoring of sustainable coastal wetlands and green infrastructure projects for the region; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal and Technical Committee will partner with Federal, State and local governmental entities and stakeholders in the execution of its mission.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the establishment of the Coastal and Technical Committee as provided hereinabove.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

### RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-22-04 - IGA BETWEEN CPRA AND FPA FOR OMRRR LPV-HSDRRS MITIGATION PROJECTS

Mr. Morgan advised that at the Operations Committee meeting the CPRA provided a presentation on the proposed IGA and the maintenance of the mitigation projects. The five mitigation projects were created due to damages incurred during the construction of the HSDRRS. The FPA is responsible for the maintenance of the five projects, several of which are outside of the FPA's area of jurisdiction, throughout the 50-year project life. Under the proposed IGA, the CPRA would perform the maintenance and would be reimbursed by the FPA for the costs. The proposed IGA is for a five-year period and is anticipated to be extended. Mr. Latiolais pointed out that the maintenance costs for the mitigation projects have been included in the FPA budget.

Mr. Miller explained that at the Operations Committee meeting he was concerned about the FPA paying for projects located outside of its jurisdiction; however, his opposition had been eliminated. After rereading the document and discussions with staff, it was made clear that the FPA is obligated for a certain amount of mitigation whether it takes place inside or outside of its jurisdiction. Eligible projects within the FPA's jurisdiction were considered first to provide specific mitigation. In several cases, there were no eligible projects within the FPA's jurisdiction; therefore, the projects were constructed outside of its jurisdiction. One additional mitigation project remains for which responsibility will be shared by the FPA and another levee district (Pontchartrain Levee District) and will be addressed in a separate agreement.

On the motion of Mr. Noel,

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

**WHEREAS,** after Hurricane Katrina, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) constructed the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) to provide 100-year protection; and

**WHEREAS**, the USACE constructed the five following Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV) mitigation projects to compensate for unavoidable impacts to the environment resulting from HSDRRS construction within the jurisdiction of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA):

- 1) Task Force Guardian (TFG) Bayou Sauvage Forested Wetland Mitigation Project
- 2) Milton Island Intermediate Marsh Project
- 3) Turtle Bayou Intermediate Marsh Project,
- 4) Bayou Sauvage Flood Side Brackish Marsh Project
- 5) New Zydeco Ridge BLH and Brackish Marsh Project

**WHEREAS**, the USACE prepared an Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement, and Rehabilitation (OMRR&R) Manual for each of the mitigation projects, which provides the primary OMRR&R guidance for the projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA is responsible for the OMRR&R for the aforementioned LPV mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) possesses the required expertise and experience to administer the OMRR&R for the LPV mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, the FPA and CPRA wish to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which shall be effective for a period of five years, commencing on February 28, 2022 and terminating on February 28, 2027, concerning the OMRR&R duties and responsibilities for said LPV mitigation projects; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV and Attachment A of the IGA outline the duties and responsibilities of the CPRA relative to the LPV mitigation projects, and the FPA shall be responsible for the costs and expenses and shall reimburse the CPRA as provided in the IGA; and

**WHEREAS**, the CPRA shall invoice the FPA quarterly for all expenses that result from the performance of OMRR&R work as detailed in Article IV and in Attachment A of the IGA; and

**WHEREAS**, the total estimated cost for the minimum required OMRR&R duties for the LPV mitigation projects over the five-year term of the IGA is \$2,133,333.00, and the IGA will be amended to address responsibility should said costs exceed \$2,133,333.00.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority for the Operation, Maintenance, Repair, Replacement and Rehabilitation of the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity Mitigation Projects for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System, and authorizes the Board's President to execute said agreement on behalf of the FPA.

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

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

## RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-22-05 - APPROVAL OF TASK ORDER WITH LHJ FOR SURVEYING HSDRRS, NON-FEDERAL LEVEE AND MRL EARTHEN EMBANKMENTS

Mr. Morgan commented on the FPA's efforts to ensure that the levees maintain the 100-year levee of risk reduction.

On the motion of Mr. Latiolais,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) must survey Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) levees, Non-Federal levees and Mississippi River Levee (MRL) earthen embankments; and

**WHEREAS,** the FPA currently has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract with Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc. (LHJ), for surveying services; and

**WHEREAS**, LHJ provided a proposal dated April 11, 2022, to survey the HSDRRS, Non-Federal levees and MRL earthen embankments in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes as delineated in said proposal for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$148,461.20; and

WHEREAS, funding for said services are provided in Budget Line Item BIDIQ02.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED,** that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the issuance of a Task Order to Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc., to survey HSDRRS levee, Non-federal levee and MRL earthen embankments in Orleans, Jefferson and St. Bernard Parishes as delineated in their proposal dated April 11, 2022, for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$148,461.20, and authorizes the Regional Director, or 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. Duplantier, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller,

Mr. Noel and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None ABSENT: None

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on Thursday, May 19, 2022, at the Joseph Yenni Building, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Council Chambers, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard., Jefferson, LA.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:50 a.m.