

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
COASTAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 20, 2022**

PRESENT: Eugene J. Joanen, IV, Chair
Roy Arrigo, Committee Member
Mark L. Morgan, Committee Member

The Coastal Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA or Authority) met on April 20, 2022, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, LA. Mr. Arrigo called the meeting to order at 9:35 a.m. Mr. Joanen arrived shortly after the meeting was called to order.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the Coastal Committee meeting held on March 17, 2022.

Public Comments: None

New Business:

B. Report from Roy Arrigo (Committee Member).

Mr. Arrigo advised that he was unable to attend the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) meeting since it is being held today. He reported that the Louisiana State Legislature held its Coastal Day in April and that he and Kelli Chandler, Regional Director, attended to represent the FPA. In addition, Governor John Bel Edwards dedicated \$150 million of State surplus monies to coastal projects. The coastal projects are basically located between the Mississippi River and the Mississippi State line and are not within the FPA jurisdiction; however, the FPA wrote a letter of support relative to the dedication of the funding for the CPRA projects.

A. Discussion of participation by Flood Protection Authority (FPA) Board membership related to coastal efforts and initiatives.

Mr. Joanen explained that he and Mr. Morgan would be stepping down from the Board in the next couple of months and asked that other members of the Board step up and continue the work of the Coastal Committee.

C. Report from Gene Joanen (Chair).

Mr. Joanen explained that prior to the next meeting he anticipated providing a report to the Board on his observations over the past year, which should be helpful to future Coastal Committee members. He hoped that the same type of general report would be provided annually in the future.

D. Mention of the FPA Newsletter Article.

Mr. Joanen mentioned the recent article on Living Shorelines that was included in the April 1, 2022 edition of the FPA Quarterly Newsletter. He invited everyone to read the article, which presents the importance of living shorelines and points out the nuances of hardened protection versus soft protection.

E. Discussion of pending meetings on coastal issues and projects.

Mr. Joanen explained that after his report is prepared he anticipated distributing it to the Board members and handing off a version of the report, which will include a statement of the FPA's needs, to the FPA's consultants who are seeking federal funding so that it could be used as the FPA's voice at meetings that FPA Commissioners and staff are unable to attend.

F. Presentation of the draft report on needs at the FPA and Lakefront Management Authority.

Mr. Joanen stated that he will include, as much as he can, Lakefront Management Authority needs along with his report in order to seek federal funding.

G. Announcement of the Annual Coastal Committee Conference on Wednesday, May 18, 2022.

Mr. Joanen advised that he would like to have a day where he could bring in people who are important to the living shoreline systems, and potentially some of the FPA's consultants, along with representatives from other agencies in order to have a round-robin discussion. An agenda will be developed for the conference, which he hoped would become an annual event. The conference will provide an opportunity for partners and stakeholders to connect and to present needs and promote proposed projects. Mr. Arrigo pointed out that the CPRA meeting is scheduled for May 18th. Mr. Joanen responded that he had time to reschedule the conference. The conference will take the place of the Coastal Committee meeting in May.

H. Discussion of the proposed resolution to establish the Coastal and Technical Committee (in lieu of the Coastal Committee).

Mr. Morgan pointed out that it would be relatively simple to change the name of the Coastal Committee in order to include technical aspects that could be reviewed by Committee.

I. Presentation and discussion of the job descriptions for staffing of two engineer and/or scientist staff positions to support the Coastal and Technical Committee's mission. Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contract or Employee discussion.

Mr. Joanen advised that he wanted to review the proposed job descriptions with the Director of Engineering. He added that the work could be done by someone in a Civil Service position or through an Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity (ID/IQ) Contract. Questions had been raised about whether the positions should be full time or part time or the work done through an ID/IQ Contract. In addition, the requirements in the job description may need to be revised to attract potential applicants. He explained that he envisioned an individual(s) who would fill the role of an advocate to speak on the FPA's behalf on certain topics, focus on the needs list that is developed each year, monitor progress and report to the Board. He pointed out that the two proposed positions are intended to provide an additional long-term benefit and that neither of the two positions are intended to undermine the Director of Engineering. He anticipated coming back at the next meeting with a recommendation on a path forward.

J. List of meetings outside the FPA regarding coastal and technical topics/initiatives.

Mr. Joanen advised that the meetings that he had intended to list had already taken place.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:55 a.m.