

**MINUTES OF THE  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST  
BOARD MEETING  
THURSDAY, JUNE 16, 2022**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on June 16, 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  
Richard G. Duplantier, Jr.  
Eugene J. Joanen, IV  
Jason P. Latiolais  
Herbert I. Miller  
Herbert T. Weysham, III

**ABSENT:**

K. Randall Noel, Treasurer

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING HELD ON MAY 19, 2022**

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

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the minutes of the Public Hearing and Board Meeting held on May 19, 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,  
and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

## **EMPLOYEE RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION:**

Mr. Joanen stated that he wanted to recognize two long time FPA employees -- Glenda Boudreaux and Wilma Heaton. He explained that both of these employees are very generous, knowledgeable, have a lot of strength and loyalty, and are married to their jobs, and, historically, he could not image this organization without them. These employees have been liaisons to everyone in the organization. Ms. Boudreaux has been with the State since 1973 (and with the Orleans Levee District/FPA since 1976) and that she is innovative, dedicated to her job without question, listens and is an asset. Ms. Heaton has been a dedicated FPA/Orleans Levee District employee for 26 years and has been in the governmental affairs business for many years. A plaque of appreciation was presented to Ms. Boudreaux and will be given to Ms. Heaton who was unable to attend the meeting.

## **SAFETY MINUTE:**

Clay Bardwell, Safety Coordinator, advised that last month was very productive for the Risk and Safety Team and reviewed some of the team's projects:

- Three New Orleans Fire Department (NOFD) platoons, escorted by FPA Complex Structures, Engineering and Risk and Safety Department personnel, toured the three Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) facilities as part of a familiarization exercise. The exercise included general layouts, fire hydrants and emergency shutoffs, so that NOFD personnel will be familiar should they need to respond to an emergency. Similar exercises will be set up for other FPA structures and facilities.
- Installation of new safety supplies in all FPA facilities and hard structures. First aid cabinets, trauma bags, eye wash stations and AED devices have been purchased. These supplies will be especially crucial during storm events when paramedics may not be able to respond.
- CPR, AED and first aid training courses have been scheduled so that key personnel throughout the organization will have the skills necessary to use the supplies and provide basic life support.
- The Risk and Safety Team is working closely with Complex Structures and Human Resources (HR) personnel to identify potential security issues and hazards for personnel who operate structures in remote locations. The information obtained will be used to develop specific safety and security plans in order to provide additional guidance to employees about what to do and who to contact in the event of an emergency.

Mr. Bardwell advised that the Risk and Safety Team is undertaking these projects and putting hazard controls in place in order to be proactive.

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

Mr. Morgan requested an update on the current Franklin Facility renovations. Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, advised that the renovations of the Franklin Facility

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Board Room are anticipated to be substantially complete by the end of June and the rooms should be available for use in July. The new audio/video (A/V) equipment recently approved by the Board is anticipated to be installed by the end of the hurricane season. Everything in the EOC will be functional, with the exception of the new A/V equipment, during hurricane season.

Mr. Morgan advised that his term on the Board ends on July 1<sup>st</sup> and that Mr. Joanen's resignation is effective July 1<sup>st</sup>. He commented that for some reason the Governor has not necessarily decided on their replacements. However, one has been replaced and one has not; therefore, there may only be eight Board members next month. The statutes regarding the FPA have been changed and now require that Commissioners not serve beyond the end of their terms unless reappointed.

Mr. Morgan advised that Wilma Heaton, Director of Governmental Affairs, was moving some furniture and pictures from the Franklin Facility where they were temporarily placed back to the Lakefront Airport where they were located before Hurricane Katrina. There was some tape in the back of the truck holding something down apparently and she got up in the truck, took the tape off and then jumped out of the truck and broke both legs. At age 25 someone would probably be out for six weeks; however, she's not 25 anymore. Ms. Heaton has been with FPA and Orleans Levee District over 25 years; therefore, it will probably be ten to twelve weeks before she comes back. He wished her well and said that he talked to her the other day and knew she was doing well because he had about a 30-second question and after an hour he said he had to get off the phone. He said she's healthy and if you call her plan on spending a little time on the phone.

Mr. Morgan explained that Ms. Heaton advised that flood protection for the New Orleans Lakefront Airport is anticipated to be received. The FPA committed to provide up to \$75 million for Airport flood protection, which would be financed through bonds. He noted that staff should begin the planning and scheduling for the construction of the project.

Mr. Morgan stated that about five meetings ago he made a recommendation that Ms. Boudreaux's and Ms. Heaton's offices be moved to the Franklin Facility to assist staff at that facility and that he hoped their offices would be moved in the near future.

Mr. Morgan explained that in 2006 he was appointed by Governor Kathleen Blanco to the FPA-West Board. One year after the expiration of his term with the FPA-West Board, the Governor Office's requested that he apply for the FPA-East Board. Mr. Morgan stated that he, Herbert Miller and Rick Duplantier have been talking about holding a Special Board Meeting prior to the expiration of his term. He inquired about the availability of Board members for scheduling a Special Board Meeting for next Tuesday and asked that Board members send confirmation to him regarding their availability so that the meeting could be noticed. Mr. Cosse asked what would take place at the Special Board Meeting that could not have taken place at a regular monthly Board Meeting. Mr. Morgan responded that there are some sensitive issues that they (he, Mr. Miller and Mr. Duplantier) want to talk about and did not want to take up two hours during the course of a regular monthly Board Meeting for the discussion. He

stated that he would tell Mr. Cosse about the issue after today's meeting. He stated that as best as possible he would try to confirm everything for the meeting and that, if necessary, the meeting would have to wait. Mr. Arrigo inquired about the agenda for the Special Board meeting. Michelle White, Executive Counsel, responded that an agenda would be provided for the Special Board Meeting and that everything would be done similar to a regular monthly Board Meeting.

Mr. Morgan advised that Ms. White is seeking other career opportunities, but has volunteered to remain on a temporary, part time, hourly basis until such time as the FPA finds a full time replacement to fill the position of Executive Counsel.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None.

### **NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS OF THE BOARD FOR A ONE-YEAR TERM EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022**

Mr. Morgan called for nominations for the office of President. Mr. Arrigo nominated Mr. Noel and Mr. Duplantier seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Mr. Morgan advised that he spoke to Mr. Noel who confirmed that he would be happy to serve as President. Mr. Noel has been on the Board several years and currently serves as Treasurer. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Noel serving as President.

Mr. Morgan called for nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Arrigo and Mr. Joanen seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Arrigo serving as Vice President.

Mr. Morgan called for nominations for the office of Treasurer. Mr. Duplantier nominated Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Joanen seconded the nomination. There were no further nominations. Mr. Latiolais was hesitant due to his workload; however, he accepted the nomination. The Board voted unanimously in favor of Mr. Latiolais serving as Treasurer.

Mr. Morgan called for nominations for the office of Secretary. Mr. Joanen nominated Mr. Cosse and Mr. Arrigo seconded the nomination. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Duplantier and Mr. Morgan seconded the nomination. Mr. Cosse accepted the nomination. Mr. Duplantier advised that he would welcome the opportunity to serve on the Executive Committee. A roll call vote was conducted on the nomination of Mr. Cosse for the office of Secretary and Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Weysham voted yea, and Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Miller and Mr. Morgan voted nay.

### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-02 - ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

“A resolution stating the results of the election of Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East for a term of one year commencing July 1, 2022.”

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East adopted revised Bylaws at a Regular Board Meeting held

on December 17, 2009, which provide in part for the designation and election of Officers of the Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 1 (Officers and Elections), designates the officers as President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer to be elected from among the members of the Board at the regularly scheduled meeting in June; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 1 further provides that officers shall assume their duties on July 1<sup>st</sup>; and

**WHEREAS**, Article IV, Section 2, provides that officers shall be elected to serve one-year terms.

**WHEREAS**, the election of officers was conducted on June 16, 2022, with nominations for each office duly offered and seconded and a vote conducted thereafter to fill each office.

**BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED**, that, in accordance with elections held on June 16, 2022, the Officers of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East shall be as follows for the term commencing July 1, 2022:

**President – K. Randall Noel**

**Vice President – Roy M. Arrigo**

**Treasurer – Jason P. Latiolais**

**Secretary – Clay A. Cosse**

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

**Office of President**

Nomination of Mr. Noel, on motion of Mr. Arrigo, seconded by Mr. Duplantier.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

**Officer of Vice President**

Nomination of Mr. Arrigo, on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Joanen.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

**Office of Treasurer**

Nomination of Mr. Latiolais, on motion of Mr. Duplantier, seconded by Mr. Joanen.

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

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

## Office of Secretary

Nomination of Mr. Cosse, on motion of Mr. Joanen, seconded by Mr. Arrigo.  
Nomination of Mr. Duplantier, on motion of Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Morgan.  
A roll call vote was conducted on the nomination of Mr. Cosse and the vote thereon was as follows:

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

NAYS: Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Miller and Mr. Morgan

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

### **PRESENTATIONS:**

#### **1. Presentation by AECOM on Analysis of Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act**

Mr. Morgan advised that the proposed Analysis of Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act by AECOM was discussed by the Operations Committee at its meeting earlier today and that the Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed analysis. The FPA has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract with AECOM and the firm has volunteered to seek funding opportunities for the FPA. He pointed out that if funding is located by AECOM for a project, then AECOM may have an opportunity to submit a proposal for the project; however, there is no guarantee.

Mike Paterno with AECOM explained that the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) is a very complex 2,740-page document. AECOM unraveled the document in order to find potential funding opportunities. AECOM, and its legacy the URS Group, have worked for the FPA for many years and the FPA has been a very good client. AECOM provided presentations on the IIJA to a number of parishes, cities and the State.

Mr. Paterno provided a quick overview of AECOM's presentation to the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, which will be modeling and mapping the entire State of Louisiana.

- The IIJA is divided up among 11 different departments/agencies with 109 separate different programs and 418 funding provisions.
- AECOM developed a Fund Tracker, which is a huge database that uses AI and robotics to simplify the analysis and allows AECOM to advise clients regarding top grant opportunities, as well as additional grant opportunities.
- Of the \$550 billion included in the IIJA, \$444 billion is appropriated and allocated to the 11 principal departments/agencies. Five principal departments/agencies receive 85 percent of the funding: Department of Transportation - \$184.1 billion, Department of Energy - \$62.5 billion, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) - \$60.89 billion, Department of Commerce - \$51.2 billion, and Department of Interior - \$28.2 billion.
- Funding is allocated and distributed over a five-year period (about \$88 billion per year) to successful grant applicants. The departments/agencies with the greatest averages per year are: Transportation with \$36.8 billion; EPA, Energy and

Commerce with \$10-12 billion; and Department of Defense/U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (DOD/USACE) with \$15 billion for FY 2022 and an average of \$500 million for the next four fiscal years.

- The 2022 Consolidated Appropriations Act (H.R. 2471 / P.L. 117-103) enacts appropriations and provisions that impact IIJA authorization provisions. AECOM is currently reviewing the Act to identify new and expanded funding.
- Broader opportunities were identified, such as the COVID-19 and Disaster Recovery funding to capture and supplement IIJA funds (e.g., American Rescue Plan Act – Final Rule to support Water and Wastewater projects).
- The IIJA temporarily revises the match requirements for a number of opportunities.
- All federal investment will require state and local recipients to show at least 40 percent benefit to disadvantaged and/or underserved populations.
- AECOM identified the following for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative (IWA):
  - 37 Infrastructure Investment and Job Act (IIJA) fund provisions that may directly or indirectly support the LWI.
  - The opportunities flow through six principal departments and total \$24.52 billion. The Department of the Army has the largest number of relevant opportunities (19), followed by Departments of Homeland Security (DHS) (6) and Commerce (5). A majority of the opportunities (53.6%) will remain with and be spent by federal programs through direct and contracted services.
  - 46.4 percent were grant opportunities available for states and other entities.
  - DHS had the largest possible grant funding at \$5.61 billion.
  - AECOM identified each program, whether it was federal or non-federal, and classified the programs to their departments. The following information was included for each funding piece: federal or non-federal, types of projects, eligible uses, next milestones, etc.

Mr. Paterno explained that, if approved by the Board, AECOM can use its tool to identify potential opportunities with a detailed breakdown and provide a presentation to the Board at its July or August meeting.

Mr. Arrigo pointed out that AECOM's analysis was offered to the FPA at no charge. He said he presumed that what AECOM uncovers, they would be in a preferred position to pursue. If the analysis is not done, the opportunities would not be uncovered.

#### **REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR:**

Kelli Chandler, Regional Director, provided the following report:

- The Mississippi River is below 11 feet; therefore, the FPA is no longer in the flood fight which had lasted 89 days.

- The official turnover of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System by the USACE took place on May 27th. The Maintenance crews, Complex Structures group and police were thanked for their efforts to make the event a success.
- A group of FPA staff members attended the I-STORM annual meeting held last week in Rotterdam. About 150 people from various organizations attended the I-STORM meeting. Staff toured several barriers, made professional contacts and participated in various discussions.
- Preparations are on-going for PROTO (asset management program) to go live on July 1<sup>st</sup>.
- In preparation for hurricane season, the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan was adopted last month by the Board, all floodgates were exercised and inspections were completed.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**Finance Committee:** Due to Mr. Noel's absence, Mr. Joanen chaired the Finance Committee meeting which was held prior to the Board meeting. He reported that the Committee discussed the adoption of the Compliance Questionnaires for the FPA and three levee districts and the selection of the Advocate as the official journal for the FPA, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) and Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) and the St. Bernard Voice for the Lake Borgne Levee District (LBBLD).

**Operations Committee:** Mr. Latiolais reported that the Operations Committee met prior to the Board meeting and received information from AECOM on the proposed Analysis of Funding Opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act. The Committee also discussed the proposed Intergovernmental Agreement between the EJLD and the City of Kenner for the use of the West Return Wall Splash Pad and all weather access road on the Hurricane Protection Levee. The Committee recommended that the Board approve both items.

**Coastal and Technical Committee:** Mr. Joanen reported that the Coastal and Technical Committee met prior to the Board meeting and that he provided a recap of the Coastal Conference hosted by the FPA, which was a big success. Individual videos of the presentations provided at the Coastal Conference have been uploaded to the FPA website. The Committee discussed the status of the proposed ID-IQ contract for a coastal and technical support person(s) and the proposed system-wide needs report. He invited interested Commissioners to join the Coastal and Technical Committee.

Mr. Miller complimented Mr. Joanen on the success of the Coastal Conference. He stated that Mr. Joanen has done more with the Coastal Committee over the past year than all of the past members combined.

**Legal Committee:** Mr. Duplantier advised that the Legal Committee did not meet this month. He reported that Ms. White will continue working with the FPA until the process has been completed and a permanent replacement has been found. Mr. Morgan noted

that he requested that Mr. Duplantier take the lead in finding a replacement for Ms. White and that the Board's Bylaws had been amended to provide that Mr. Duplantier's recommendation for the position be presented to the full Board for confirmation.

Mr. Morgan advised that Ms. Heaton provided an updated report on the status of bills that are of interest to the FPA which were filed during the Regular Legislative Session.

Three bills were of particular interest to the FPA:

- Senate Bill (SB) 458 filed by Senator Harris addresses FPA membership. The bill was passed and signed by the Governor. FPA-East membership must now include three members from Orleans Parish, two members from Jefferson Parish and one member from St. Bernard Parish. Legislators felt that it was critical to include additional representation from Orleans and Jefferson Parishes correlating with the amount of revenue received from each parish. Commissioners presently serving on the Board would be allowed to complete their current terms.
- SB 465 filed by Senator Connick substitutes the FPA Regional Directors for the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) for the purpose of advertising Board vacancies, receiving applications and calling meetings of the nominating committee.
- House Bill 519 filed by Representative Ray Garofalo relative to spending across levee districts failed to pass in the House.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-03 – RECOGNITION OF MARK MORGAN**

On the motion of Mr. Joanen

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

**“Recognizing the commitment and contributions of Mark L. Morgan to the Flood Protection Authority and to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.”**

**WHEREAS**, after the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Flood Protection Authority-East) was created by the Louisiana State Legislature to provide regional flood protection for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin area; and

**WHEREAS**, due to his outstanding qualifications, expertise and experience, Governor John Bel Edwards appointed Mark L. Morgan to serve as a member of the Flood Protection Authority-East Board effective June 6, 2016, and reappointed Mr. Morgan to serve a second term as a member of the Board ending on July 1, 2022; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Morgan received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, in 1978, and is a Louisiana licensed Professional Engineer and Contractor; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Morgan has over 40 years' experience in Civil Engineering, environmental assessments and remediation, and since 1992 has been the

President/Principal of SEMS, Inc., which specializes in Environmental Assessments, Risk Analysis, Plans, Corrective Action Programs, Groundwater Monitoring, Consulting and Remediation; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Morgan brought a tremendous amount of professional expertise and experience to the Board and to the management and operation of the critical \$14 billion Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System which protects the lives and property of the citizens of the Greater New Orleans region; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Morgan's leadership, hard work and service as a member of the Board from June 6, 2016, to July 1, 2022; as President from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022; as Vice President from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021, as Treasurer and Chair of the Finance Committee from October 20, 2016 to June 30, 2019, as a member of the Finance Committee from October 20, 2016 to June 30, 2021, as a member of the Operations Committee from July 5, 2016 to June 30, 2021, as Chair of the Operations Committee from July 14, 2019 to June 30, 2021, and as a member of the Coastal Committee from August 17, 2020 to June 30, 2022, resulted in many positive achievements.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Mark L. Morgan, for his dedication and contributions during his tenure as a member of its Board of Commissioners and for his devoted service to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Joanen, Mr. Latiolais, Mr. Miller and  
Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

NOT VOTING: Mr. Cosse

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-04 – RECOGNITION OF EUGENE J. JOANEN, IV**

On the motion of Mr. Morgan,

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

**“Recognizing the commitment and contributions of Eugene J. Joanen, IV, to the Flood Protection Authority and to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.”**

**WHEREAS**, after the devastation resulting from Hurricane Katrina, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Flood Protection Authority-East) was created by the Louisiana State Legislature to provide regional flood protection for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin area; and

**WHEREAS**, due to his outstanding qualifications, expertise and experience, Governor John Bel Edwards appointed Eugene J. Joanen, IV, to serve as a member of the Flood Protection Authority-East Board effective July 2, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1991 Mr. Joanen received his Masters' degree from LSU Baton Rouge in Environmental Sciences, and in 1990 he graduated from LSU with a B.S. in Environmental Management Systems; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Joanen is the Owner, CEO and Senior Scientist of Balance Consulting, Inc., with over 30 years' experience as lead consultant/program manager in the areas of land management, site assessment and remediation, laboratory development, technology integration, wildlife assessment and invasive species management, program development, water quality assessment, permitting and disaster assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Joanen brought a tremendous amount of professional expertise and experience to the Board and to the management and operation of the critical \$14 billion Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System which protects the lives and property of the citizens of the Greater New Orleans region; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Joanen's dedication and service as a member of the Board from July 2, 2020 to July 1, 2022, as the Chair of the Coastal Committee from August 17, 2020 to June 30, 2022, and as a member of the Finance Committee from July 6, 2021 to June 30, 2022, resulted in many positive achievements; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Joanen's leadership, enthusiasm, professional expertise and hard work as Chair of the Coastal Committee brought an increased awareness and support for coastal protection and restoration efforts and the building with nature (living shoreline) concept.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby expresses its deepest gratitude and appreciation to Eugene J. Joanen, IV, for his dedication and contributions during his tenure as a member of its Board of Commissioners and for his devoted service to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana.

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. Morgan and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-05 - LOUISIANA COMPLIANCE QUESTIONNAIRES**

Mr. Morgan advised that the completed Compliance Questionnaires must be adopted by the Board each year in anticipation of the annual fiscal year financial audit. The Questionnaires were reviewed by Denise Businelle, Regional Finance Director, Ms. White and Mr. Morgan.

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

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

**WHEREAS**, the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire is a required part of a financial audit of Louisiana state and local government agencies; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed and signed questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the governing body of the organization by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

**WHEREAS**, the completed and signed questionnaire and a copy of the resolution must be given to the auditor at the beginning of the audit; and

**WHEREAS**, Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires have been completed by management for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, and provided to the Board of Commissioners for review.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East adopts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), the Orleans Levee District, the East Jefferson Levee District and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the FPA President, FPA Secretary and FPA Treasurer are authorized to sign the aforementioned Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires for the fiscal year ending June 30, 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, and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-06 - SELECTION OF OFFICIAL JOURNAL FOR FPA, EJLD, O.L.D. AND LBBLD**

Mr. Morgan advised that each year in June the Board must select the official journal for the FPA and levee districts for the next fiscal year.

On the motion of Mr. Cosse,

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

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 43:171 provides that levee districts and other political subdivisions shall have the proceedings of their board and such financial statements required by the legislative auditor published in a newspaper, which shall be selected at the first meeting in June of each year for a term of one year; and

**WHEREAS**, R.S. 43:171 further provides that the newspaper shall meet certain criteria relative to location and publication; and

**WHEREAS**, The New Orleans Advocate meets the aforementioned criteria for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA), East Jefferson Levee District and Orleans Levee District; and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Bernard Voice meets the aforementioned criteria for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that The New Orleans Advocate is hereby selected as the Official Journal for publications as required under R.S. 43:171 for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, East Jefferson Levee District and Orleans Levee District for a one-year term commencing on July 1, 2022.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the St. Bernard Voice is hereby selected as the Official Journal for publications as required under R.S. 43:171 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District for a one-year term commencing on July 1, 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, and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

### **RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-07 - IGA BETWEEN EJLD AND CITY OF KENNER**

Mr. Morgan explained that the West Return Wall was designed to be overtopped; therefore, a splash pad was constructed behind the wall. The City of Kenner requested use of the splash pad and the all weather access road (AWAR) on the hurricane protection levee for cycling, walking, etc. The Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA), which is similar to other IGAs currently in place, for use of the splash pad and AWAR was reviewed by Ms. White. Mr. Latiolais noted that the Operations Committee recommended that the Board approve the proposed IGA.

On the motion of Mr. Miller,

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

**WHEREAS**, Art. VII, Sec 14(C) of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974 provides that, for a public purpose, the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other or with any other private association, corporation or individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, LSA-R.S. 33:1324, the Local Services Law, and R.S. 38:330.2(B) additionally provide that cities, including the City of Kenner (Kenner), and political subdivisions of the State, including the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD), may agree to engage jointly in the construction, acquisition, or improvement of any public project; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenner wishes to enter into an Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with the EJLD to utilize the EJLD's West Return Wall Splash Pad and all weather access road on the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in Kenner for recreational use, to include walking, cycling and jogging; and

**WHEREAS**, the public purpose of the Project is to develop the West Return Wall, particularly the Splash Pad, and all weather access road in order to enhance the recreational amenities for use by residents and visitors to Kenner; and

**WHEREAS**, Kenner and the EJLD each have a reasonable expectation of receiving the benefit of a recreational path for the citizens of the City of Kenner that is at least equivalent to the mutual considerations described in the IGA; and

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) approves the execution of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Jefferson Levee District and the City of Kenner to utilize the West Return Wall Splash Pad and all weather access road on the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in Kenner for recreational use, to include walking, cycling and jogging, and further authorizes the FPA Regional Director, or in his/her absence the Director of Engineering, to execute said IGA.

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, and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

**RESOLUTION NO. 06-16-22-08 - AECOM PREPARATION OF REPORT ON FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES UNDER THE IIJA**

On the motion of Mr. Arrigo,

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

**WHEREAS**, the \$550 Billion Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA) was passed by Congress to provide funding for various infrastructure projects throughout the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) currently has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contract with AECOM to provide professional Civil Engineering Services on an as needed basis; and

**WHEREAS**, AECOM prepared, at no cost to the State of Louisiana, an analysis called the Louisiana Watershed Initiative identifying all funding opportunities under the IIJA and has prepared similar reports for other government entities; and

**WHEREAS**, AECOM has offered to prepare a similar report for the FPA free of charge.

**BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED**, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes AECOM to prepare a report at no cost to the FPA on funding opportunities for the FPA under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and present its report to the Board of Commissioners.

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, and Mr. Weysham

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Noel

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, July 21, 2022.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:00 p.m.