

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2022**

PRESENT: Clay A. Cosse, Chair
Thomas G. Fierke, Committee Member
Herbert I. Miller, Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on September 15, 2022, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Cosse called the meeting to order at 10:40 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on August 18, 2022.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Consideration of potential requests to the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District projects for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 and recommendation for Board.

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, reviewed the proposed Capital Outlay Program (COP) funding requests for FY 2023-2024:

INTERNATIONAL CENTER FOR STORM SURGE BARRIER RESEARCH, PUBLIC EDUCATION AND SATELLITE MAINTENANCE FACILITY - \$8,712,000 (Flood Protection Authority-East) – COP funding had been requested several times and the project was refined to emphasize Surge Barrier research as well as the maintenance component. The proposed facility is 18,000 square feet with classroom, office and maintenance facilities.

JEFFERSON PARISH LAKEFRONT EROSION REPAIRS – REACH 1 - \$10,500,000 (East Jefferson Levee District) – COP funding had been requested for the project several times. The proposed project would restore eroded areas along the foreshore of Reach 1 of the East Jefferson Lakefront Levee from the West Return Wall to the Duncan Canal.

LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT SAFE HOUSE - \$4,200,000 (Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) - COP funding had been requested several times for the proposed 3,000 square foot Safe House project. Currently, the LBBLD does not have safe housing for its employees during a storm event. At this time LBBLD employees remain at the LBBLD facility (which is not hurricane rated) until storm conditions warrant their moving to the facility used by St. Bernard Parish employees.

BAYOU BIENVENUE SECTOR GATE SECURITY AND OPERATION FACILITY - \$2,750,000 (Orleans Levee District) - This is the first request for COP funding for the proposed project. The facility would be used to house emergency operations staff at the structure for frequent high tide events as well as storms.

The Committee voted unanimously to recommend that the Board approve the proposed COP funding requests.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 a.m.