

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON FEBRUARY 16, 2023**

**PRESENT:** Clay A. Cosse, Chair  
William A. Settoon, Jr., Committee Member

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on February 16, 2023, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Cosse called the meeting to order at 9:45 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 meetings held on September 15 and November 17, 2022.

**Public Comments:**

None.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of the proposed installation of four PTZ cameras and three CAT 6 fixed cameras at the IHNC Surge Barrier Sector Gate, Approach Ramp and Boat Launch by AT&T at a total cost of \$124,700.38, including configuration, installation and licenses.**

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Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, explained that the four cameras initially installed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) are no longer serviceable. The proposed Change Order includes the replacement of the initial four PTZ (pan, tilt and zoom) cameras and installation of three fixed cameras at the ramp, boat launch and ground level (access points to the Surge Barrier) for security purposes. The cameras are supported by fiber optics. Personnel in the Franklin Facility Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will be able to view images taken by the PTZ cameras at the Surge Barrier during a storm event. Information Technology (IT) staff worked with AT&T to develop the proposed Change Order. Mr. Humphreys recommended that the proposed Change Order be approved by the Board.

Mr. Cosse inquired about the status of discussions on cameras near the floodwall in Violet. Ryan Foster, Engineer, explained that St. Bernard Parish officials had been contacted; however, there had been no further action. Mr. Cosse advised that he would have representatives from the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's office contact FPA Engineering staff regarding this matter.

Kelli Chandler, Regional Director, noted that the FPA is conducting a comprehensive security review of the entire flood protection system and the facilities under its jurisdiction.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the proposed Change Order with AT&T.

**B. Discussion of the proposed issuance of a Task Order to HNTB in a not-to-exceed amount of \$125,307.50 for the pipe video inspection of the culverts at 11 locations along the Orleans Levee District's flood protection system (Phase IB).**

Mr. Humphreys explained that the USACE requires that all valves and culverts in the flood protection system be inspected every five years. The valves and culverts were inspected about four years ago; however, 11 culverts were inaccessible for various reasons (e.g., failure to locate an access point or debris blockage). The USACE asked that the 11 culverts be addressed prior to the next scheduled inspections. HNTB will locate access points or determine how to gain access, video inspect the culverts and report any needed repairs. HNTB's subcontractor has specialized equipment to perform the video inspection. The 11 culverts are located along the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) and Mississippi River Levee (MRL).

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the proposed Task Order to HNTB.

**C. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract to Hard Rock Construction in the amount of \$121,875 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) Mississippi River Levee (MRL) Slope Paving Project (Project No. L2770016).**

Mr. Humphreys explained that a portion of slope paving repairs needed along the MRL are budgeted each year for accomplishment during low water periods. Multiple areas have been identified within the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District. The majority of the areas are above the water level and accessible. The FPA is investigating the feasibility and affordability of damming the areas that are currently under water in order to accomplish the repairs under the proposed contract. If the areas cannot be dammed, the repairs will be made next year.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the award of the proposed contract to Hard Rock Construction.

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