MINUTES OF THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST **BOARD MEETING** THURSDAY, APRIL 20, 2023

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on April 20, 2023, 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. Noel 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:

K. Randall Noel, President Roy M. Arrigo, Vice President Clay A. Cosse, Secretary Richard G. Duplantier, Jr. Thomas G. Fierke Derek N. Rabb William A. Settoon, Jr.

ABSENT:

Jason P. Latiolais, Treasurer Herbert I. Miller

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-23-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON MARCH 16, 2023

On the motion of Mr. Rabb. Seconded by Mr. Fierke, 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 16, 2023.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows: YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Miller

SAFETY MINUTE:

Martin Eilers, Director of Risk and Project Management, provided a safety progress update. In 2023 to-date, nine incidents occurred resulting in two minor injuries. During the same time frame last year, 16 incidents occurred resulting in four injuries. Clay Bardwell, Safety and Emergency Preparedness Coordinator, administered the first internal CPR and first aid training. New employees will receive CPR and first aid, heavy equipment and hand tool trainings. Training programs will be tailored to meet the various crews' needs in order to keep everyone as safe as possible.

Mr. Fierke requested an update on the status of his request made at a prior Board meeting regarding safety triangles on FPA grass mowing equipment on Lakeshore Drive. Mr. Eilers advised that he would contact the FPA's Maintenance Director to ensure adequate safety precautions have been taken.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS:

None.

PRESENTATION OF PLAQUES TO RECENT RETIREES:

The following employees were recognized by the Board and presented with a plaque for their years of service:

Crayton Byrd, Levee Foreman A, retiring with 32 years of service.

Jackie Johnson, Mechanic 3, retiring with 27 years of service.

Treniece Wright, Administrative Coordinator 4 for the Maintenance Department, retiring with 33 years of service.

The following employees were recognized, but were unable to attend the meeting and will be presented their plaques at a later date:

Captain Terry Durnin, East Jefferson Levee District Police Department, retiring with 21 years of service.

Lieutenant Charles Hill, Orleans Levee District Police Department, retiring with 32 years of service.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

H. J. Bosworth, Jr., lead researcher for Levees.org, advised that Levees.org was founded after Hurricane Katrina with a mission of correcting the wrong information circulating about the reason the greater New Orleans area flooded. He explained that this goal was largely achieved in 2015 when an article he co-wrote with J. David Rogers, Ray Seed and Paul Kemp was published in Water Policy, the official journal of the World Water Council. After a story about it was featured in the New York Times, the official narrative changed from monster storm in a corrupt city under sea level to the truth, namely that floodwalls at the 17th Street, London and Industrial Canals were misdesigned by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE).

Mr. Bosworth explained that Sandy Rosenthal, Founder and President of Levees.org, was unable to attend today's meeting. Levees.org is currently leading a national campaign to urge engineering schools to pledge by August 2025 implementation of a course requirement for engineering students in engineering disasters and the lessons they teach, which Levees.org believes is as important as any course requirement. The course would not require a structural or geotechnical expert and would essentially be a history course that could be taught by an adjunct professor. The intent was not for Levees.org to control the content of the course, but only to have engineering schools offer the course. He pointed out that the students currently attending engineering schools will be designing levees and floodwalls in the future. He invited the FPA to issue a statement in support of this initiative.

Mr. Bosworth advised that Levees.org began reaching out to past commissioners, engineers and experts to invite their support. The following individuals have added their names and support: past FPA Commissioners Stephen Estopinal, Wilton Paul Tilly, Rick Luettich, Jr., John Barry and Paul Kemp; Professional Engineers J. David Rogers, Robert Bea, Stephen Ressler, Matt McBride, Brett Hoffstadt, and Rune Storesund; and experts Wendell Curole, Robert A. Thomas and David Waggonner. A list of the names with their credentials were provided.

Mr. Bosworth thanked the Board for listening to Levees.org's request to issue a statement in support its initiative to urge engineering schools to pledge by August 2025 to require a course in engineering disasters and the lessons they teach for their engineering students.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation by Lauren Nash, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service New Orleans/Baton Rouge

Lauren Nash, Warning Coordination Meteorologist, National Weather Service (NWS), explained that the Slidell office covers southeast Louisiana, coastal Mississippi and the southern tier of Mississippi. The NWS works closely with its partnering agencies and entities, including the FPA, USACE and local parish governments. An invitation was extended to attend the Hurricane Awareness Tour at New Orleans Lakefront Airport on May 2, 2023, which will be open to the public from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Ms. Nash addressed the following topics in her presentation:

2023 Hurricane Season: A main list of names were developed for Atlantic hurricanes. If needed, a supplemental list of names will be used in lieu of the Greek alphabet. The past several years were influenced by El Nina, which typically increases hurricane threats. 2023 will be influenced by El Nino, which typically means a quieter hurricane season; however, there is very little to no correlation between El Nino and the Gulf. Therefore, although storms may not form in the Atlantic, they may still form in the Gulf. Louisiana was hit by a number of hurricanes in 1957 and 1965, as well as Hurricane Andrew in 1992, which were El Nino years. Extremely hot sea surface temperatures are expected in 2023, similar to the sea

surface temperatures in 1969 when Hurricane Camille formed and in 2004 during which four hurricanes formed. Therefore, the risk may decrease due to El Nino, but increase due to sea surface temperatures.

National Hurricane Center's (NHC) products:

The NHC will produce tropical weather outlooks seven days out, which is new this year. Once a storm develops, the NWS will provide its typical cone product as well as associated products. The cone graphic simply provides the location of the center of the storm and does not provide information such as wind strength, which hazard will be of greatest impact, and where the center will most likely move. Two-thirds of the time the center or eye of the storm will move within the cone; however, one-third of the time it will not do so; therefore, focus should not be only on the cone.

Ms. Nash advised against using various weather models, such as the GFS (American model), Euro (European model) and spaghetti models, for forecasting hurricanes. In 2021, no individual model performed better than the official NHC track forecasts; however, a few consensus aids, which are not available on the internet, did slightly outperform NHC at early lead times. The NHC typically looks at hurricane models that are significantly more sophisticated when producing its forecasts. There is an extremely large margin of error at day ten and day five in typical model forecasts on social media.

It was noted that the hurricane category, which is based on the Saffir-Simpson Wind Scale, does not provide information on rainfall, surge or tornadoes. Wind is typically not the greatest hazard causing loss of life. The NHC's product used by emergency managers and available on the NHC website provides the chances of receiving 39 mile per hour (mph), 58 mph and hurricane force wind speeds.

The NHC's Hurricane Threat and Impact Graphic provides a color-coded scale of wind, tornado, surge and flooding threats and should be used for preparations. The Storm Surge Flooding Map and Peak Storm Surge Forecast Graphic are NHC products that forecast anticipated storm surges. Impact from rainfall should be considered in addition to other hurricane hazards.

Watches and Warnings: Warnings, with the exception of Tropical Storm Warnings, will be alerted via Wireless Emergency Alerts that are automatically pushed to cell phones. Watches are issued 48 hours out and warnings 24 hours out and include the following:

- Storm Surge Watch/Warning
- Hurricane Watch/Warning
- Tropical Storm Watch/Warning
- Flood Watch and Flash Flood Warnings
- Tornado Watches and Tornado Warnings
- Extreme Wind Warnings

Social Media: Ms. Nash cautioned that official weather forecasts, such as those issued by the NHC should be used, and not social media images or graphics which typically have a significant margin of error.

2. Update on Drainage and Pumping Operations in St. Bernard Parish - Louis <u>Pomes, Road Yard Chief of Operations, St. Bernard Parish</u>

Louis Pomes, Road Yard Chief of Operations for St. Bernard Parish, introduced Monty Montelongo, who was hired in February, 2022, to manage the pump stations and drainage canals. In July, 2021, Mr. Pomes managed the eight pump stations and 60 miles of drainage canals that were turned over by the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District to St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG). Mr. Pomes provided the status of the pump stations and drainage canals:

- Pump Station (PS) 1 (Arabi): Two new engines were installed, one pump was rebuilt, and two new gear boxes were installed. The cost for each set up is \$1.4 million.
- PS 4: Two new engines, one new pump and one new gear box were installed. A second new gear box will be installed soon and a second new pump is being installed.
- PS 1 and PS 4 will be at 100 percent capacity soon, with the exception of trash rakes which are needed at both stations and must be designed.
- PS 2, PS 3, PS 5, PS 7 and PS 8 are at 100 percent capacity.
- The 60 miles of drainage canals were recently excavated and the sediment and debris removed. The Forty Arpent Canal from Paris Road to Jean Lafitte and east from Golden Drive, the Twenty Arpent Canal from Jacob Drive to Golden Drive, and the Aycock Canal from Judge Perez Drive to St. Claude Avenue were excavated and the debris removed. Currently, work is focused on the White House Canal from Caernarvon towards Verret.
- All flats are being maintained and subsurface drainage and outfall pipes are being changed out as needed. SBPG anticipates performing about \$4 million of work on subsurface drainage.
- Two new span bridges are being constructed along the Chalona (Corrine) Canal, which will help increase water flow to the pump station due to the removal of the culverts at these locations. In addition, a contract was signed for the removal of the 60-inch culverts at Charles Drive.

Mr. Montelongo provided a status of the pump station operations. Currently, there are 12 pump operators. All pump stations are manned by crews during daytime hours and three main pump stations have nighttime crews. The pumps are under watch 18 hours each day. He expressed confidence in the pump operators who are experienced and professional.

Mr. Montelongo explained that all of the pump stations are manned at night when rainstorms or rain events are anticipated. Three main pump stations have safehouses

to house operators who remain on duty during a hurricane. Mr. Pomes added that during a hurricane or tropical storm, a lock down is declared and all pump operators remain on duty. Pump operators remain at all of the pumps stations for a Category 1 hurricane. In the event of a Category 2 or 3 hurricane, the pump operators move to the safehouses. Pump operators live near the pump station for which they are responsible; therefore, he/she can be at a pump station within minutes of a phone call.

Mr. Cosse inquired about drainage in a section of Paris Road. Mr. Pomes explained that when the sector gate is closed rainwater is pumped into the Central Wetlands. He discussed the improvements being constructed by Ducks Unlimited in Arabi behind pump stations 1 and 6, which will keep wave action from impacting the levee and T-wall.

Mr. Rabb noted that it appeared that SBPG has an emergency response plan relative to its pump operators. Mr. Pomes advised that SBPG works directly with Homeland Security when a storm is in the Gulf and starts emergency preparations 72 hours out.

REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

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

Mississippi River: The river has been over 11-ft. since March 9 and is expected to fall below 11-ft. by the end of April. Inspections are taking place twice per week by the FPA and USACE while in flood fight.

Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP):

The Joint Venture (JV) received a second set of 1800 bulkheads (stop logs), which are used to dewater pump bays. A third set of 1800 bulkheads are on order and should arrive in a couple of weeks. Corrosion and stray current testing has taken place at two of the pump stations and is taking place at the third pump station.

Seventeen Requests for Technical Assistance (RTA) are outstanding relative to issues other than corrosion at the PCCP pump stations.

Discussions are taking place at the USACE regarding alternative pumping measures. The USACE is doing a site visit at the London Avenue PCCP today for planning purposes in the event additional pumping measures are needed. The USACE's annual inspection is scheduled for the beginning of May.

Orleans Ave

• All pumps are 900 CFS and were inspected and deemed ready for Hurricane Season by the USACE. Any corrosion that was identified will be addressed at a later date.

17th Street

- 900 CFS pumps were inspected and deemed ready for Hurricane Season by the USACE.
- Significant challenges were incurred with the new bulkheads for 1800 CFS pump inspections. A different sealant was used for the new bulkheads resulting in leakage; therefore, dewatering pump 1 took about a week instead

of the normal period (a day). When the inspection took place, the temporary pump motor failed causing water intrusion. The JV representative was able to inspect the pump, but not the USACE, FPA or Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) representatives. The pump will be re-inspected when another set of bulkheads are available.

London Ave

- 900 CFS pumps were inspected and deemed ready for Hurricane Season by the USACE. Pump 6 will probably be re-run in the next couple of days to ensure the temperature on the bearings stabilizes.
- Replacement parts for pump 1 are still pending. Pump 1 is scheduled to be completely back in service by the end of May depending on the receipt of parts. A USACE contractor is performing the repairs on pump 1.
- Pump 3, which has shown signs of overheating, is being inspected this week. Two different bearings had a rise in temperature of about 10 degrees during the last 30-minute run. The bulkheads are being modified prior to their placement at pump 3 to achieve a better seal and a longer inspection time.

Police Initiatives: Discussions have taken place regarding the new East Bank Levee Police Department logos adopted by the police. The new logo lists all three parishes (St. Bernard, East Jefferson and Orleans). The Orleans Levee District and East Jefferson Levee District Police Departments (OLDPD and EJLDPD) have not been combined. Police officers are paid by their respective levee district and the OLDPD and EJLDPD have separate Workers Comp (WC) policies. The new logo is to promote a unified look to the public and unity between the two departments as well as lessen confusion when officers from one levee district are used in another levee district (e.g., Lakeshore Drive and escorts during hurricane season). The new logo will allow the public to identify the officers and their jurisdiction.

Ms. Chandler recognized Darren Austin, Director of Operations, and the PCCP crews who are currently working with the JV, two different contractors, and representatives from the USACE and CPRA, while performing their regular maintenance duties.

Mr. Fierke inquired about the stray voltage issue. Ms. Chandler responded that there are several theories regarding the cause of the corrosion. One theory is that stray currents from the open cell wall are causing the corrosion. Therefore, the JV is doing testing to determine whether any electrical currents are being generated that could possibly cause the corrosion.

Mr. Settoon asked whether the replacement parts are composed of the same material as the original parts. Ms. Chandler explained that the bearings that are not salvageable are being replaced with stainless steel rather than carbon steel. Other parts are being cleaned and coated.

Mr. Settoon inquired about the testing procedure for the PCCP pumps and whether longer test runs are possible. Ms. Chandler replied that the pumps are typically run for an hour each month based on USACE recommendations. After the JV completes its inspection, the pumps will be run for a minimum of an hour or as long as it takes for the bearing temperatures to stabilize. The bearing temperature stabilizes one degree for every five-minute rise in temperature. The USACE instructed that the run for pump 3 at the London Avenue PCCP be limited to 30 minutes until the cause of the temperature rise is determined. Mr. Austin advised that the longest time the PCCP pumps have been run was three hours in 2020 during Hurricane Zeta and no issues were observed. Test runs are performed with the gates open and water is circulated (not drained from the canal). During a tropical storm or hurricane, the pumps are operated when the PCCP gates are closed depending on the amount of rainfall pumped into the canals.

Mr. Rabb asked the cause of the issue with the sealant. Ms. Chandler explained that the original set of stop logs (bulkheads) had a neoprene seal, which is expensive and has a long lead time. Therefore, a plastic-type seal was used on the new stop logs, which was not as effective. The new stop logs were of a different design and were too long and had to be shortened. Mr. Austin added that the new stop logs were an additional set designed and built by the JV for the purpose of the current inspections and were meant to be temporary. Should the additional stop logs be turned over to the FPA, the FPA would stock sealant or do whatever is necessary so that they are viable.

Ms. Chandler also advised that the Request for Information process for third-party administration of police details was completed and officers attended the demonstrations. All officers were invited to a meeting with a representative from Off Duty Management so that questions could be answered. Ms. Chandler advised that she planned to sign a contract with Off Duty Management next week to turn over the police detail administration. Off Duty Management will schedule police details, pay for WC for the officers, issue tax forms and assume liability for police details. The FPA will still have a detail coordinator to oversee and monitor police details. She advised that Off Duty Management was the recommendation of the police officers. The handling of police details by Off Duty Management is at no cost to the FPA and provides additional benefits to the officers. The costs will be absorbed by the people requesting details.

Mr. Cosse inquired about the rate increase for police details. Ms. Chandler replied that rates would increase; however, the FPA had previously raised rates and they were still below those charged by the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and Jefferson Parish Sheriff's Office (JPSO). Conversations took place with a number of people who requested details and there was no indication that the detail requests would not continue. Due to current staff shortages in other entities, levee district police receive more detail requests than they can fill. The OLDPD and EJLDPD have also experienced staff shortages. Currently, the OLDPD has about 30 officers and the EJLDPD has 17 to 20 officers. Two officers were hired last week and additional interviews are scheduled for next week. New hires come from various entities such as NOPD and universities. As an additional resource, the FPA is attempting to hire Police Officers 1A, which does not require POST certification, and send the officers to the Police Academy to receive POST certification. She advised that she would send a copy of the proposed contract with Off Duty Management to the Commissioners.

Ms. Cosse stated that he had spoken to several police officers, some of which are no longer with the FPA, and they were concerned about outsourcing the administration of

police details because they believed it would reduce the number of details. The OLDPD and EJLDPD currently have a reduced number of officers. He contacted the St. Bernard Parish Sheriff's Office and was advised that one clerk handled detail administration for the entire department. Ms. Chandler responded that police entities throughout the country administer police details differently. NOPD has a separate agency to handle details and JPSO handles details differently. She stated that the contract with Off Duty Management would be more beneficial for the officers since they would receive WC coverage and additional benefits. She advised that Thomas Harrington, Superintendent of Police, led this effort. She explained that officers had a lot of fear about change going into the meeting with Off Duty Management; however, once their questions were answered, much of the fear and concern went away since there was misunderstanding about how the process worked and about officers with permanent details losing those details, which is not the case. She reiterated that contracting the detail process would not be that much different for the officers and would provide benefits (WC and receiving 1099 in lieu of W-2 tax statements).

Ms. Chandler reminded the Board that there were recent issues with the police details and that the FPA wanted to get out of that business. Mr. Noel advised Commissioners who had questions after reading the proposed contract to contact Ms. Chandler.

Mr. Fierke asked about the proposed rates. Ms. Chandler responded that the rate for all details is \$50 per hour. The only exception is the rate for details worked at the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, which was established in accordance with an agreement between the City of New Orleans and JPSO and a subsequent agreement between JPSO and EJLDPD.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Duplantier chaired the Finance Committee in the absence of Mr. Latiolais and reported that a meeting was held prior to the Board meeting. The Finance Committee recommended that the Board recertify last year's millage rates for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) for tax year 2023. Denise Williams, Regional Finance Director, had explained to the Committee that St. Bernard Parish property values decreased in 2020; therefore, the Legislative Auditor provided adjusted rates to allow the LBBLD to collect the same amount of revenue collected in 2019. The adjusted rates were certified by the FPA Board in 2020 and recertified in 2021 and 2022. The next reassessment of property values will take place for calendar year 2024.

Operations Committee: The Committee did not meet in the month of April; therefore, there was no report.

Coastal and Technical Committee: The Committee did not meet in the month of April; therefore, there was no report.

Legal Committee: The Committee did not meet in the month of April; therefore, there was no report.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 04-20-23-02 – A RESOLUTION LEVYING AND IMPOSING MILLAGE RATES AND ASSESSMENTS FOR TAX YEAR 2023 ON ALL THE PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION IN THE LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

The resolution was read aloud in its entirety by Mr. Noel. There was no discussion and a roll call vote was conducted.

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,

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

LBBLD TAX RESOLUTION – 2023

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 2023;

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. <u>Operation and Maintenance Taxes</u>. 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 2023, for the respective purposes described below:

2023 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 2023, 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 2023, 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. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None ABSENT: Mr. Latiolais and Mr. Miller ABSTENTIONS: None

The next regular monthly Board Meeting will be held on May 18, 2023, at the Joseph Yenni Building, 2nd Floor Council Chambers, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Jefferson, LA.

Mr. Noel welcomed Deborah Settoon who was appointed by the Governor to the Board effective July 2, 2023, and replaces Mr. Latiolais whose term expires on July 1, 2023.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 12:03 p.m.