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# SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY- EAST NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND BOARD MEETING

I. A PUBLIC HEARING will be held as follows:

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

TIME: 10:00 A.M

LOCATION: ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS

ST. BERNARD PARISH GOVERNMENT COMPLEX 8201 WEST JUDGE PEREZ DRIVE, CHALMETTE, LA

Pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), a public hearing of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East on behalf of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum.

Close public hearing: ADJOURN.

II. A public BOARD MEETING will be held as follows:

DATE: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024

TIME: 10:00 A.M or immediately following the public hearing

LOCATION: ST. BERNARD PARISH COUNCIL CHAMBERS

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### **BOARD MEETING AGENDA:**

I. Call to Order

- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Motion to adopt Agenda
- V. Motion to approve Minutes of the Board Meeting held on August 15, 2024.
- VI. Safety Minute
- VII. Opening Comments by President and Commissioners
- VIII. Public Comments

#### IX. Presentations:

None

# X. Report by Regional Director

## XI. Committee Reports:

- 1. Finance Committee: Chair William A. Settoon, Jr.
- 2. Operations Committee: Chair Thomas G. Fierke
- 3. Legal Committee: Chair Derek N. Rabb
- 4. Special Issues Committee: Chair Deborah M. Settoon

#### XII. New Business:

#### A. Administrative:

- 1. Adopt the adjusted millage rates determined in accordance with the provisions of Article 7 Section 23 (B) of the Constitution and La. R. S. 47:1705 B. for the tax year 2024 on all property subject to taxation by the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.
- 2. Set forth the adjusted millage rates and roll forward to such increased millage rates allowed by law, but not to exceed the maximum authorized millages for the prior year, and certify the millage rate to the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Bernard for the purpose of causing the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District's taxes to be entered on the tax rolls and collected for the tax year 2024 on all property subject to taxation by the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.
- 3. Motion to approve the following amendments to the Board's Bylaws:
  - a. Under Article VI, Section V, to delete the first paragraph in its entirety and replace it with the following language: "The hiring, termination or change in compensation of any unclassified employee shall require the approval of a majority of the board.
  - b. Under Article VI delete Section 6 in its entirety and replace it with the following language: "Require the Executive Director to publish a detailed organization chart showing reporting responsibilities of all employees, their titles and grade level, designating which are unclassified. The chart should be published on the FPA website, published annually or when significant changes occur."
- 4. Motion to approve the FPA Fleet Motor Vehicle Use Policy.
- 5. Motion to retain the firm of Fisher & Phillips to represent the FPA on Civil Service appeals and any future labor and employment litigation, as needed, for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- 6. Motion to retain the firm of Lane Law Group, LLC to represent the FPA on insurance coverage matters for the period July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- 7. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the United States Marshals Service (USMS) and the Orleans Levee District Police Department for participation in the USMS Fugitive Task Force.

- 8. Motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives and the Orleans and East Jefferson Levee District Police Departments for participation in the High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area Multi–Agency/ Safe Neighborhoods / Multi-Agency Gang Task Force.
- 9. Motion to request an Attorney General Legal Opinion on spending flood protection tax revenues for educational purposes.

### B. Engineering and Operations:

- 1. Motion to request the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain FPA projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- 2. Motion to request the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain East Jefferson Levee District projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- 3. Motion to request the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain Lake Borgne Basin Levee District projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- 4. Motion to request the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay Program to fund certain Orleans Levee District projects for the Fiscal Year 2025-2026.
- 5. Motion to select and contract with a firm to provide architectural services for the proposed International Center for Storm Surge Barrier Research, Public Education and Satellite Maintenance Facility.
- 6. Motion to authorize Rostan Solutions, LLC and Thompson Consulting Services to contract with the FPA, in accordance with FEMA Guidelines, to provide a proposal for Disaster Debris Monitoring after a storm or other qualifying event.

#### XIII. Executive Session:

1. Police matters in anticipation of litigation.

XIII. Announcement of next Board Meeting: October 17, 2024, Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, LA

## XIV. Adjourn

# ANYONE WISHING TO ADDRESS THE BOARD MUST FILL OUT A SPEAKER'S CARD PRIOR TO THE MEETING

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