

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
SPECIAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
HELD ON NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

PRESENT: Deborah M. Settoon, Chair
Derek N. Rabb, Committee Member
William A. Settoon, Jr., Committee Member
Roy M. Carubba, President, Ex Officio Member

The Special Issues Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on November 21, 2024, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, La. Ms. Settoon called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: There were no changes to the minutes of the Informational Meeting held on September 18, 2024.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

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A. Define key parameters for FPA Strategic Plan.

Ms. Settoon explained that the Strategic Plan being developed will encompass the entire organization and include financial data and technical issues. She advised that she and Denise Williams, Regional Finance Director, met and developed an outline of the topics to be covered in the plan.

Ms. Williams reviewed the outline for the Strategic Plan.

- Executive Summary – The purpose of the plan, which is to ensure financial and technical sustainability over 50 years.
- Industry Assessment – Comparison to other levee districts and the Flood Protection Authority-West.
- SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats) Analysis – This analysis can be done by Department Directors. Examples of weaknesses are employee turnover and software systems.

- Financial Sustainability – A 50-year cost analysis had previously been prepared (MOCA report). The analysis can be revised as needed and reviewed to ensure all future projects are included.
- Public Support
- Findings and Recommendations

Ms. Settoon added that the 50-year financial plan can be used to identify financial gaps, support potential tax issues and for comparisons on how money can best be spent. The SWOT analysis will reveal potential improvements. She pointed out the need for public recognition of the FPA and its mission. The findings/recommendations will be acted upon by the Board.

B. Status of consultant work performed to date for the proposed International Center for Storm Surge Barrier Research, Public Education and Satellite Maintenance Facility.

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, explained that Engineering had not proceeded relative to the selection of the architect for the proposed International Center for Storm Surge Barrier Research, Public Education and Satellite Maintenance Facility (Visitors Center) and is awaiting the requested Attorney General (AG) opinion.

C. Update on the Attorney General’s opinion re use of flood protection tax revenues to be spent on educational purposes.

Kirk Ordoyne, Executive Counsel, advised that the AG’s Office was contacted on November 12. Ms. Gauche with the AG’s Office advised that the opinion was still in the research and drafting stage. Ms. Gauche further advised that she had no definite date for publishing the opinion. She said that she would note that the FPA had inquired about a date and would advise the attorney assigned to draft the opinion.

D. Implementation of an Action Item List.

Ms. Settoon advised that Glenda Boudreaux, Administrative Program Director, will maintain an action item list. The list will consist of major items that come up in Committee and Board meetings.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned.