

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on January 16, 2025, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Carubba called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and led the pledge of allegiance. Ms. Settoon called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

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

ABSENT: None

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo and seconded by Mr. Rabb to adopt the agenda. There was no objection to Ms. Settoon's request to amend the agenda to add a report by the Engineering Department. The amended agenda was unanimously adopted.

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-01 - APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2024

On the motion of Mr. Noel,
Seconded by Mr. Cosse, 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 December 12, 2024.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS:

Mr. Noel thanked Alex Lubben for his article in the New Orleans Advocate entitled, "Governor Jeff Landry's adviser is reshaping New Orleans levee authority." He stated that the article was enlightening and answered some questions he had over the past four months.

Mr. Noel commented on increasing the presence of the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) and East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Police in terms of helping the New Orleans Police Department (NOPD) and fighting crime in Louisiana, which is a major initiative of the Governor. He said that he had great confidence in Superintendent of Police Joshua Rondeno accomplishing this initiative but was concerned because the citizens of Louisiana asked the FPA to ensure the only thing it does is flood protection. The police initiative is a new element for the FPA with unrelated and unexpected expenses and costs due to the complexities of fighting crime. He suggested that the FPA reach out to Governor Landry and ask if he is willing to help supplement the levee district police with funding to ensure that the FPA does not dip into flood protection monies. If fighting crime is a major goal of the Governor, he may try to provide some funds. He requested that President Carubba reach out to Governor Landry regarding this issue.

Mr. Noel encouraged President Carubba to put together the committee to hire a Regional Director. The FPA has 217+ employees and \$15 billion of flood protection structures and levees across three parishes. The system is too complex to not have someone lead the whole operation. He stated that it was important for the Board to move forward with hiring a Regional Director as soon as possible. He implored President Carubba to put the committee together and start the search.

Ms. Settoon concurred with Mr. Noel and stated that the Commissioners, as a Board, need to focus their efforts going forward on hiring a Regional Director and returning to a more technical and responsive approach on FPA projects.

Mr. Rabb concurred with Mr. Noel and Ms. Settoon regarding a selection team for hiring a Regional Director. He added that this should be expeditiously done.

Mr. Carubba stated that when the Governor put him on the Board, he mandated him as the President to lead the efforts to do three things. First, to make sure no one floods due to storm surge, which is a function of the FPA's Operations, Maintenance and Engineering Departments doing what they are tasked to do. Since he has been the President, and since he made Superintendent Rondeno the Appointing Authority for all matters with Civil Service, Information Technology (IT), Finance and Public Information, Superintendent Rondeno has done an incredible job through Civil Service with restructuring 31 positions that will allow as many as 97 men and women to better themselves by applying for better positions and better pay. In addition, Superintendent Rondeno successfully negotiated with Delgado Community College to teach electrical, heating, ventilation and air-conditioning classes at the Franklin Facility so that FPA employees do not have to travel to obtain this extra knowledge, which allows them to

improve themselves. Delgado is also teaching a hydraulics class, which due to the equipment cannot be taught at the Franklin Facility. The men and women who must close floodgates and turn valves in advance of or during an emergency situation are the backbone of the FPA. The FPA's continuing investment in its employees creates a more robust and resilient workforce that protects everyone. He commended Superintendent Rondono for doing double duty.

Mr. Carubba explained that there had been some talk that Superintendent Rondono was the Interim Regional Director. He clarified that this was not the case. He stated that Superintendent Rondono was the Appointing Authority, which comes from him (the President), for the matters that he previously listed. He reiterated that there was no Interim Regional Director.

Mr. Carubba stated that the second mandate concerned the police. He stated that he respected Mr. Noel's comments and that he and Mr. Noel met with Superintendent Rondono about a month ago. Mr. Carubba explained that it was the mandate of Governor Landry that the police be restored to their original strength and assist NOPD in patrolling the neighborhoods as they had in the past. In Fiscal Year (FY) 2025 eight new police officers will be hired (four each for the O.L.D. and EJLD). The police will be restored to their full capacity by the end of FY 2026. This satisfies the second mandate from the Governor.

Mr. Carubba stated that the third mandate was good governance, which is a complicated subject. As President, due to his expertise, he plans to deal with professional contracts differently to ensure good stewardship of the public's money. As far as good governance, the Board will ensure it is stewarding public money as intended.

Mr. Carubba explained that while in college every summer he had a job working with his hands. He realized early that he did not need to work with his hands. However, it allowed him to understand the value of and respect the people who do work with their hands (the blue-collar portion of the workforce). Flood protection is the FPA's primary mission. This will be satisfied by what Superintendent Rondono has enacted.

Mr. Carubba stated that, in his opinion, as far as the way the agency was being run in the absence of a Regional Director, the FPA was more efficient, morale increased among the workers, and good governance was being delivered with the current structure. He did not object to any of the Commissioners' comments. He stated that, as President, he needed the Board to know that everything was running very smoothly. The citizens of this City as of November 1, 2024, are better protected than before against the horrors of flooding.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. "Robert, Joseph et al. versus State of Louisiana et al., Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 2016-09374, Division F, Section 14".

A motion was offered by Mr. Carubba, seconded by Ms. Settoon, and unanimously adopted to convene in Executive Session to discuss the item listed on the agenda.

A motion was offered by Mr. Noel, seconded by Mr. Rabb, and unanimously adopted to reconvene in regular session. Mr. Carubba announced that no action was taken in the Executive Session.

PRESENTATIONS:

None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Settoon reported that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board Meeting and was provided a detailed report by the Regional Finance Director. Finance is working on the FY 2026 Budget. The Regional Finance Director is reviewing premiums for April 1 insurance renewals. Premiums are projected to be slightly lower than earlier estimates. Mr. Settoon advised that he authorized the transfer of the proceeds and interest from a \$2 million bond that matured to the Louisiana Asset Management Pool (LAMP) account. He also advised that he periodically requests a report on the FPA's accounts payables and receivables. The FPA bills are being paid and the FPA is being paid by its creditors with a few minor discrepancies.

Operations Committee: Mr. Fierke advised that the Operations Committee did not have a quorum; therefore, an informational meeting was held on January 9. The Committee members informally recommended approval of the Change Order with Baker Pile Driving and Site Work, LLC, and the selection of all of the firms that submitted Responses to the Request for Qualifications for Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services and Supports Services (Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing).

Legal Committee: Mr. Rabb advised that the Legal Committee did not have a quorum; therefore, an informational meeting was held on January 9. The Committee members discussed the Request for Qualifications for Legal Services.

Special Issues Committee: Ms. Settoon advised that she and Mr. Carubba met with Denise Williams, Regional Finance Director, concerning the work to date on the strategic plan. The new Strategic Plan 2025 - 2050 will include funding, staffing, resources and technology. Ms. Williams developed a one-page report that included all known major capital projects, including the Orleans Seawall Replacement, East Jefferson Foreshore Protection, as well as the planned 200-year flood protection levee lifts. The report showed that at the end of 25 years the FPA will have a surplus of 300+ million dollars; however, it should be noted that the FPA is only one disaster away from

having too small a surplus. Additional work on the strategic plan can take place at a slower pace since this financial data was developed. Ms. Williams pointed out that her report showed that with all things being perfect every year going forward the FPA would be in the green and not the red. The report does not state that after 25 years the FPA will have a \$300+ million surplus. She reiterated that, all things being perfect, the FPA will be okay when the projects are completed.

ENGINEERING REPORT:

Ryan Foster, Engineering Manager, advised that Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, was unable to attend the meeting. He reported that several projects are nearing completion:

- The 17th Street Canal Rehabilitation Project was substantially complete. The contractor was demobilizing.
- The Rip-Rap Replacement Project along the northern end of the London Avenue Canal was nearly completed. The final inspection was scheduled for January 17.
- The 40 Arpent Sheetpile Wall Rehab Project Phase I is about 50 to 60 percent complete. Some of the sheetpile had been installed pre and post Hurricane Betsy (1965). The sheetpile is being blasted and painted with repairs taking place as needed in areas with corrosion issues. The second phase of the project will take place in the future.

Ms. Settoon asked for an update on the request to expedite the East Jefferson Foreshore Protection Repair Project, which is now scheduled to take three years, exposing the western stretch for three more hurricane seasons. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) estimated that the project would be completed in three years. Mr. Foster explained that the USACE and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) are working through the agreement for the borrow site. The FPA is required to provide the right-of-way and/or land for the USACE to obtain borrow materials. Ms. Settoon noted that the issue (borrow site/land) is under one million dollars and is holding up progress on the project. She requested that if the USACE states that a different type of clay is needed, the FPA listen to their needs and proceed. The East Jefferson Lakefront Levee protects a quarter of a million people and lake waters are approaching the AWAR (All Weather Access Road). In addition, she was told by the USACE that part of the reason the project is estimated to take three years is because the USACE does not want work to be done during sturgeon spawning season. In light of what's happening in California, she stressed that the FPA must focus on this issue and meet with the USACE to push them to revise the schedule.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-02 – RECOGNITION OF ORLEANS AND EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT POLICE OFFICERS

On the motion of Mr. Settoon,

Seconded by Ms. Settoon, the following resolution was offered:

A resolution to recognize and commend the Orleans Levee District and East Jefferson Levee District Police Officers who provided support and assistance immediately after the New Year's Day terror attack on Bourbon Street.

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) is the governing authority for the Orleans, East Jefferson and Lake Borgne Basin Levee Districts; and

WHEREAS, Orleans Levee District and East Jefferson Levee District Police Officers are POST certified, trained law enforcement professionals, who are committed to the mission of protecting and serving the public and support the New Orleans Police Department, Louisiana State Police and other city, state and federal law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, New Orleans is a renowned destination for celebrations, including Mardi Gras, the Super Bowl and ringing in the New Year, and attracts hundreds of thousands of tourists and guests, and

WHEREAS, in the early hours of January 1, 2025, amid the New Year revelry, a terrorist targeted innocent pedestrians by ramming a pickup truck past barricades onto Bourbon Street crowds, killing 14 people and injuring 35 individuals, and then opening fire; and

WHEREAS, in addition, potential IEDs (Improvised Explosive Devices) had been placed in the French Quarter and at the time it was unknown whether the terrorist had worked alone; and

WHEREAS, Officers of the Orleans and East Jefferson Levee District Police Departments immediately responded and provided invaluable support in the aftermath of this horrific mass casualty incident, which allowed first responders to provide life-saving measures.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority- East recognizes and commends the following Police Officers for their courage, selfless actions and commitment to public service on January 1, 2025:

SLFPA-E:

Superintendent Joshua T. Rondeno

East Jefferson Levee District Police Officers:

Capt. Bruno Mason
Lt. Gabriel Faucetta
Lt. Kirt Arnold
Lt. Tyrone Butler
Lt. Michael Schindler
Sgt. Scott Meunier
Sgt. Doran Harvin
Sgt. Michael Leblanc
P/O 3 Stephen Sparks

P/O 3 Aurthur Agee
P/O 3 Matthew White
P/O 3 Carl Cade
P/O 3 Carley Ward
P/O 2 Michael Hoctel
R/O Capt. Gerad Hart
R/O Steven Chase
R/O Christopher Hammond

Orleans Levee District Police Officers:

Capt. Michael Brenckle
Lt. Albert Pellitteri
Lt. Alvin Bedou
Lt. Vance Bieniemy
Lt. Darnell Laurent
Sgt. Eddie Freeman
Sgt. Thaddeus Petit
Sgt. Ryan Frazier
Inv. Jacob Lathrop
Inv. Trenton Gary
P/O 3 Warren Kimball
P/O 3 Gregory Faust
P/O 3 Warren Kenney
P/O 3 Taskara Jackson
P/O 3 Phil Burras
P/O 2 Patrick Garner
P/O 2 Charles Badon
P/O 2 Tammy Canfield
P/O 2 Lauren Eidson
P/O 2 Terrol Lynn Gray
P/O 2 Herschel Green
R/O Mark Green
R/O Jeffery Johnson
CEO Chenier Mathews

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this resolution shall be placed in the personnel file of each of the aforementioned Police Officers.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-03 - A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST ("FPA") EAST AUTHORIZING THE EXTENSION OF THE RETENTION OF DEGAN, BLANCHARD & NASH LAW OFFICE TO PROVIDE REPRESENTATION AND LEGAL COUNSEL FOR LITIGATION

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Ms. Rabb, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East has been named a third-party defendant in the litigation entitled, "Marquette Transportation Company Gulf-Inland, LLC v. The United States of America," United States District Court for the Eastern District of Louisiana, No. 2:23-CV-02439-WBV-JVM; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with La. R.S. 42:263, the Flood Protection Authority declares that a real necessity exists to engage professional legal services to provide representation and counsel in regards to litigation; and

WHEREAS, by Resolution 10-17-24-03, Degan, Blanchard and Nash Law Offices were retained for a period commencing March 5, 2024, and ending on March 4, 2025, with the total of all sums payable under said contract, including fees and reimbursement of expenses, not to exceed \$100,000; and

WHEREAS, there is a real necessity to extend the contract with Degan, Blanchard and Nash Law Offices for a one-year period, commencing March 5, 2025, and ending on March 4, 2026, and to increase the not to exceed amount of said contract, including fees and reimbursement of expenses, from \$100,000 to \$300,000; and

WHEREAS, Degan, Blanchard and Nash Law Offices shall be compensated at the rate of \$290.00 per hour for attorneys Sidney W. Degan, III and Philip C. Brickman; and \$265.00 per hour for attorney Richard W. Schwerdtfeger which is pursuant to the Louisiana Attorney General's Maximum Hourly Fee Schedule of February 16, 2024,

| Rate | Description |
|-------------------|---|
| \$350.00 per hour | For attorneys having experience of 10 or more in the practice of law |
| \$275.00 per hour | For attorneys having experience of 5-10 years in the practice of law |
| \$225.00 per hour | For attorneys having experience of 3-5 years in the practice of law |
| \$175.00 per hour | For attorneys having experience of less than 3 years in the practice of law |
| \$80.00 per hour | For Paralegal Services |

WHEREAS, said contract with Degan, Blanchard and Nash Law Offices shall be extended for a one-year period commencing March 5, 2025, and ending on March 4, 2026. The total of all sums payable under this contract for the initial period of March 5, 2024, through March 4, 2025, and the one-year extension from March 5, 2025, through March 4, 2026, including fees and reimbursement of expenses, shall not exceed \$300,000.00; and

WHEREAS, the scope of this legal representation involves federal claims, including tort claims; and

WHEREAS, in the event of claims brought in federal court seeking equitable relief, these claims may implicate the interests of the State of Louisiana, and so the Board agrees to provide advance written notice to the Louisiana Attorney General ten (10) business days before the next meeting and an opportunity for the Attorney General to express concerns directly to the Board in writing or in executive session before the Board:

- (1) proposes a settlement, accepts a proposed settlement, agrees to a consent decree, or enters any other agreement with any party in any federal action for declaratory or injunctive relief that is going to be or has been filed; or
- (2) files any document in any federal case in which (a) declaratory or injunctive relief has been granted against the Board, (b) final judgement dismissing the case has not been entered, and (c) at least 3 years have passed since any party seeking relief, including the USDOJ in an amicus capacity, filed any document in the case.

Accordingly, the Board authorizes and directs the law firm to provide the required notice to the Attorney General, release such information and documentation as the Attorney General may request in response to the notice, and generally cooperate with the Attorney General in regard to the notice.

WHEREAS, this resolution shall take effect immediately; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, pursuant to R.S. 42:262, does hereby authorize the extension of the retention of Degan, Blanchard & Nash Law Office, LLC as counsel to represent the FPA in litigation as needed for a one-year period commencing on March 5, 2025, and ending on March 4, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners authorizes Executive Counsel to retain the firm of Degan, Blanchard, & Nash Law Firm to represent the FPA on said federal claims, including tort litigation, and that the President is authorized to execute said contract with Degan, Blanchard & Nash Law Firm.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution and the proposed contract described herein be submitted to the Attorney General for the State of Louisiana for approval.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-04 - APPROVAL OF A CEA BETWEEN SBPG AND FPA FOR SAFE HOUSING LBBLD EMPLOYEES

On the motion of Mr. Cosse,
Seconded by Mr. Noel, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) is the governing authority of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD); and

WHEREAS, the FPA, the LBBLD and St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) are each political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides, in part, that “for a public purpose the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other . . . or with any public or private association, corporation or individual”; and

WHEREAS, the LBBLD does not currently own an adequately hardened structure in St. Bernard Parish to safe house levee district personnel during a severe tropical storm or hurricane; and

WHEREAS, it is desirable to safehouse LBBLD personnel in St. Bernard Parish to allow for rapid response for flood flight activities or damage assessments after storms and hurricanes; and

WHEREAS, SBPG has offered to allow LBBLD employees to be safe housed at its facility during tropical storms and hurricanes and the FPA wishes to avail itself of this opportunity; and

WHEREAS, the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between SBPG and the FPA, on behalf of the LBBLD, provides terms and conditions for safe housing LBBLD employees at SBPG’s facility.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between SBPG and the FPA, on behalf of the LBBLD, and authorizes the FPA President to execute said agreement.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-05 - APPROVAL OF A CHANGE ORDER TO THE CONTRACT WITH BAKER PILE DRIVING FOR THE 40 ARPENT SHEETPILE WALL REHAB PROJECT PHASE I

Mr. Fierke advised that the Change Order does not change the unit cost of the contract. The additional cost is based on the contract’s unit cost per square foot.

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Mr. Rabb, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 04-18-24-05, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the award and execution of a contract with Baker Pile Driving and Site Work, LLC, in the amount of \$1,951,240.60 for the 40 Arpent Sheetpile Wall Rehab Project Phase I (Project No. L2820046); and

WHEREAS, due to repair quantity overruns for corrosion below grade that was unforeseen, a change order in the amount of \$231,191.00 (12.41%) is needed to the aforementioned contract.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves a change order to the contract with Baker Pile Driving and Site Work, LLC, in the amount of \$231,191.00 for the 40 Arpent Sheetpile Wall Rehab Project Phase I (Project No. L2820046).

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA Director of Engineering is authorized to sign the aforementioned change order and any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-06 - APPROVAL OF ID-IQ CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Mr. Rabb, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-15-24-04, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Qualifications for professional Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the purpose of entering into Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for said services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the four Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to the RFQs were reviewed and competitively rated by a selection team, and the selection team provided its recommendation of Consultants for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts shall have a total not-to-exceed value of \$300,000.00 and shall be for a term of three years with no renewal options.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the recommendation of the selection team and selects the

following firms for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants for Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services:

1. Terracon
2. Gulf South Engineering and Testing, Inc.
3. Premier Geotech and testing, LLC
4. Professional Service Industries, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA President or Director of Engineering is authorized to negotiate the ID-IQ Contracts with the approved Consultants and to execute the final ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 01-16-25-07 - APPROVAL OF ID-IQ CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORT SERVICES (MECHANICAL, ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING)

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,

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

WHEREAS, by Resolution No. 08-15-24-05, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) authorized the advertisement and issuance of a Request for Qualifications for professional Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Support Services for the purpose of entering into Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for said services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the three Statements of Qualifications submitted in response to the RFQs were reviewed and competitively rated by a selection team, and the selection team provided its recommendation of Consultants for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned ID-IQ Contracts shall have a total not-to-exceed value of \$500,000.00 and shall be for a term of three years with no renewal options.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the recommendation of the selection team and selects the following firms for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants for Mechanical, Electrical and Plumbing Support Services:

1. Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC
2. Marrero, Couvillon & Associates, LLC
3. IMC Consulting Engineers, Inc.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the FPA President or Director of Engineering is authorized to negotiate the ID-IQ Contracts with the approved Consultants and to execute the final ID-IQ Contracts with said Consultants.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote; the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Carubba, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel,
Mr. Rabb, Mr. Settoon and Ms. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

ACTION ITEM LIST:

The Board reviewed the Action Item List. The following notations were offered:

Item 5 Civil Rights Evaluation DHS Grant. – Mr. Rabb advised that he received the requested information.

Item 6 Vehicle Policy – Mr. Fierke explained that edits to the Policy were unanimously accepted; however, the modified document had to be approved by the Board. Kenyetta Sewell, Human Resource Director, advised that Mr. Eilers modified the Policy and that it had been placed on the FPA intranet. Ms. Settoon concurred with Mr. Fierke that the Policy had to be approved by the Board. The Operations Committee will review the Policy at its next meeting.

Item 8 – Convex safety mirror at intersection of Franklin Avenue and Lakeshore Drive – Mr. Settoon stated that he was advised by Engineering that a mirror was not practical due to the size of the intersection and the wind. Mr. Foster explained that the FPA can break out and finalize the design of the safety improvements that were part of the previous Lakeshore Drive Project placed on hold. The safety improvements would be advertised for bid and the award of the contract brought to the Board for approval. The initial project estimate was \$200,000. There was no objection by the Board to Engineering finalizing the design of the safety improvements and advertising the project (safety improvements) for bids.

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Thursday, March 20, 2025. Mr. Settoon noted that the Finance Committee will meet on February 13 to review the proposed FY 2026 budget.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:54 a.m.