

MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON MARCH 20, 2008

PRESENT: Abril Sutherland, Chairperson  
Stradford Goins, Committee Member  
Thomas L. Jackson, Committee Member  
George Losonsky, Committee Member

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The Legal Committee met on March 20, 2008, at the St. Bernard Public School Board Building, 200 East St. Bernard Hwy., Chalmette, LA. Chairperson Sutherland called the meeting to order at 9:24 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

On motion of Mr. Losonsky, seconded by Mr. Jackson, the agenda was adopted.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

B. To discuss holding regularly scheduled committee meetings two weeks prior to the regular monthly Board meeting.

On motion of Mr. Goins, seconded by Mr. Losonsky, the Committee voted unanimously in favor of holding its regular monthly meetings two weeks prior to the regular monthly Board meeting. It was noted the Legal and Finance Committees would meet on the same date.

A. Approval of Legal Invoices (Authority – East, OLD, EJLD and LBBLD).

Mr. Goins noted a possible problem with one of the invoices and Ms. Sutherland clarified the problem was on the summary sheet that was provided where the contract balance on a Civil Service matter was inserted rather than the amount of the invoice. Ms. Sutherland felt this raised a question as to whether the invoices were being properly reviewed.

Mr. Lacour addressed a question concerning one of the invoices and explained when the agent for the EJLD notified the insurance carriers at the time the flood cases were filed, National Union was not notified and is now attempting to be dismissed due to lack of notice. The plaintiffs have filed a motion to keep National Union in the litigation and SLFPAE is supporting the plaintiffs in this effort. Therefore, he recommended under these circumstances that the invoice in question be paid.

Upon the recommendation of Ms. Sutherland, Mr. Jackson offered a motion, unanimously adopted by the Committee, that the invoices be sent back for additional review and be re-presented to the Committee.

Mr. Lacour noted a problem with attorneys submitting invoices the day prior to the Committee meeting and recommended that a deadline be established for submittal of invoices. Ms. Sutherland advised Mr. Lacour it was within his authority as General Counsel to establish such a procedure and advise attorneys of the procedure.

Review procedures were briefly discussed. The Regional Director's review consists of ensuring the executive directors and General Counsel have reviewed invoices. Ms. Sutherland added, the onus is on the appropriate levee district executive director and General Counsel.

The next meeting of the Legal Committee will be held on Thursday, April 3, 2008 at 10:00 a.m.

There was no further business, therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:33 a.m.