

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON APRIL 30, 2013**

PRESENT: Stephen Estopinal, Chair  
Timothy Doody, Committee Member

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The Finance Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on April 30, 2013, in Meeting Room 221, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Estopinal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was amended to add Item C under New Business: discussion of a task order relative to the non-federal levee certification effort. The amended agenda was approved by the Committee.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on April 4, 2013.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Old Business:**

**A. Discussion of renewal of EJLD Healthcare Insurance.**

Fran Campbell, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Executive Director, advised that a quote has not yet been received from the Louisiana Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Should the OGB quote not be received prior to the expiration of the current coverage, the offer from Blue Cross can be accepted for the continuation of coverage on a month-to-month basis until a final decision is reached.

The Committee instructed that an item be placed on the Board agenda without recommendation concerning the renewal of the EJLD healthcare coverage.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of revisions to LBBLD Fiscal Year 2013 Budget.**

Nick Cali, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) Executive Director, explained that the revisions are dollar-for-dollar dealing with expenditures and income reduction. The bulk of the funding anticipated from the Hazard Mitigation Program Grant (HMPG) is not expected to be received until after the 2013 Fiscal Year. The HMPG projects are anticipated to be constructed during the 2014 Fiscal Year timeframe.

The Committee recommended that the revisions to the LBBLD Fiscal Year 2013 Budget be forwarded to the Board for approval.

**B. Discussion of EJLD certification of the millage rate for 2013.**

Ms. Campbell advised that the millage rate for the EJLD was rolled back last year (2012) to 3.91 mils and was not rolled forward. The prior year's (2011) millage rate was 4.01 mils. The rate could be rolled forward this year; however, the EJLD is requesting that the rate of 3.91 mils be continued for 2013.

The Committee instructed that the certification of the millage rate for the EJLD for 2013 be placed on the Board agenda as recommended by staff.

**C. Discussion of a task order relative to the non-federal levee certification effort.**

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, explained that the non-federal levee certification effort is proceeding. A task order was issued under an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract to BFM for preliminary survey work. BFM has completed the field work and information should be received shortly concerning the profile of the levee systems in New Orleans East and the Lower Ninth Ward/St. Bernard areas. The next phase of the process includes data collection, hydraulic and geotechnical reviews and analysis, and inspection. In November, 2012, the Board approved the award of a contract to Tetra Tech for professional engineering services in connection with the evaluation and certification effort. The estimated cost of the first phase of the work (Phase One - Needs Assessment) and not-to-exceed cap for the task order is \$360,000. The final task order will include the gathering of all of the final information, more extensive geotechnical work, potential additional survey work, and the final report.

Mr. Turner reported that in addition to the current survey work, some work has been done straightening out the datum issue. The current plan is to attempt to bring everything as closely as possible to the 2004.65 epoch. He discussed the role of the Central Wetlands as a storage unit in the certification effort. The certification process is a requirement of the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP). The subject non-federal levees (Maxent and Forty Arpent Levees) are being certified for a 100-year rainfall event. The SLFPA-E must work with FEMA regarding freeboard requirements for the levees, which can be classified somewhere between a coastal and a riverine levee. It was noted that once the factors of safety are determined for the hydraulic conditions, this effort can potentially be used to lend more credence to the use of the Central Wetlands for additional storage to alleviate pressures in the IHNC. He added that potential problems are being reviewed first so that those problems can be resolved and the accreditation process can be completed within the allotted timeframe.

Mr. Turner advised that a contract was executed with Tetra Tech with a not-to-exceed cap of \$5 million. A determination will be needed from Legal Counsel as to whether Board approval is required for the execution of the task order.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:18 a.m.