

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 4, 2014**

PRESENT: Louis Wittie, Chair  
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member  
Paul Tilly, Committee Member  
Lambert J. "Joe" Hassinger, Jr., Commissioner

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on September 4, 2014, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Wittie called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the August 7, 2014 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of Seawall Erosion Control Phase 1 and Phase 2 (Survey and Geotechnical Services Only) Task Order 01 for Design Engineering, Inc.**

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, explained that the final contract is being prepared and will be soon be executed for the Lake Pontchartrain Seawall Erosion Control Project Reaches 1A, 1C, 2A, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C and 5B. Task Order No. 1 under the contract is being developed for the Phase 1 (Reaches 1A and 3B) and for the survey and geotechnical work for Phase 2 (Reaches 2C, 2D and 3C). Mr. Estopinal advised that after the last Committee meeting he met with representatives of Design Engineering, Inc. to review the engineering fees. The fees were clarified and an agreement was reached on equitable compensation for the project.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion offered by Mr. Estopinal to forward Task Order No. 1 under the aforementioned contract to the Board for approval.

**B. Discussion of Outfall Canals Erosion Control - Phase 1 (Coordinate Permitting), Phase 2 (Prepare Plans and Specifications), Phase 3 (Support during Bidding Process) - Task Order for Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc.**

Mr. Gillen advised that he and Felton Suthon, O.L.D. Engineer, reviewed the fees presented in the proposal submitted by Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. The East

Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) expressed a desire that work on the west side of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal be included in the proposed project. A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) will be developed between the O.L.D. and the EJLD for this effort. The proposed Task Order includes the coordination of permitting and the preparation of plans and specifications. Mr. Estopinal noted that the invoices for this work should be paid by the SLFPA-E with the costs to be reimbursed by the levee districts.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of a motion offered by Mr. Estopinal to forward the proposed task order for Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. and the CEA between the levee districts to the Board for approval.

### **C. Discussion of State of Louisiana Capital Outlay funding requests for levee districts.**

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, explained that the Board must adopt a resolution to request funding under the Louisiana Capital Outlay program. Information on the projects must then be input into the State's electronic web-based program and letters of recommendation must be obtained from local legislators prior to November 1st. A package with all of the aforementioned information and documentation must be submitted to the Office of Facility Planning and Control. Staff proposes to present the resolutions for the levee districts' Capital Outlay funding requests to the Board at the September 18<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for approval so that the process can commence. He pointed out that a caveat that was brought to his attention by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and Office of Facility Planning and Control, which will be looked at more closely now than in the past, is the box that must be checked dealing with whether or not there is sufficient funding in-house to do the requested projects. The caution to the SLFPA-E and levee districts is that they should not submit Capital Outlay requests and check this box if there is already budgeted money available for a project. He further explained that any funding that is obtained through the Interim Emergency Board would be Capital Outlay monies that are obtained through an emergency process.

The Committee concurred with the submittal of the levee districts' Capital Outlay funding requests to the Board at the September 18<sup>th</sup> meeting.

The Committee viewed clips on two recent media stories—the first concerned the Lakeshore Drive/Lakefront Seawall Erosion Control Project and the second concerned the failure of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Floodwall during Hurricane Katrina.

### **Levee District Reports: (copy of reports appended to minutes)**

#### **Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) Status Report:**

Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the HSDRRS Status Report and provided the following comments:

- LPV 03.2B.1 Landside Runoff Project (adjacent to the West Return Wall) - The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) reviewed the design and has taken measures in the field to mitigate the flooding potential. A final design of a fix to prevent future flooding will be forthcoming. The SLFPA-E requested that the USACE consider the

incorporation of some type of spillway away from the homes in the fix to allow for unanticipated rain events beyond the 10-year event.

- LPV 109.02A – The Notification of Contract Completion (NCC) was issued on July 31, 2014, with open punch list items; however, the USACE has indicated that it would deal with those items as time permits.

**Police Activities:** Robert Garner, SLFPA-E Police Superintendent, reported that the following activities took place over the past month: over 120 levee conditions were reported and addressed by maintenance, reserve officers logged in just under 400 hours, 22 arrests were made, 125 citations were issued, 305 complaints were proactively handled, and 123 separate pedestrian checks and vehicle checks were made. Approximately two weeks ago a social media event was detected that was crafted to produce over 150 pickup trucks. Capt. Boudreaux talked with participants and there were no events associated with the media event. Nine police vehicles were sold at a recent EJLD auction. The auction generated approximately \$100,000 for the EJLD's general fund. Staff attended preliminary meetings for the Night Out Against Crime in Jefferson Parish.

**Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD):** Nick Cali, LBBLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the LBBLD status report.

**Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.):** Mr. Gillen reviewed the highlights of the O.L.D. status report.

**East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD):** Danny Abadie, EJLD Superintendent of Operations, reviewed the highlights of the EJLD status report.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:37 a.m.