

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MARCH 5, 2015**

PRESENT: Louis Wittie, Chair
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member
Paul Tilly, Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on March 5, 2015, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Wittie called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The Committee adopted the agenda as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 5, 2015 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments:

Carol Byram commented concerning the subsidence of the ground along the 17th Street Canal floodwall behind her residence.

Old Business:

A. Police Building Site Status Presentation by RCL Architecture, LLC. (O.L.D.)

Alton Davis with RCL Architecture, LLC (RCL) explained that RCL originally considered four sites in the study. A presentation was provided at the last Operations Committee meeting and the decision was made to exclude Site One (the existing Loft Building site). RCL was also requested to look at Site Four A (Elysian Fields site) as a one story building. Additional parcels owned by the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) were identified. The initial study of Site Four (Elysian Fields) was for a three story building. The addition of Parcels 4 and 5 would allow the construction of a one story building with very minimal parking; however, the existing shared public parking on the roadway in front of the parcels provides sufficient parking. All parking could be accommodated on-site by taking 10,000 sq. ft. from Parcel 9, which would leave a 235-ft. green space buffer between the building site and the adjacent neighborhood.

Mr. Davis reviewed the Site Comparison Matrix. The initial costs for Site Two (single story building on the northeast corner of the O.L.D. Franklin Avenue campus) and Site Three (construction of interior offices in the existing warehouse building on the O.L.D. Franklin Avenue Campus) increased due to the inclusion of 4,000 sq. ft. of space for

SLFPA-E staff offices. The initial cost at the Elysian Fields site decreased due to the proposed construction of a one-story building (Site Four A). He pointed out that there is a potential for receiving \$1.3 million of Louisiana Capital Outlay funding to construct the project at the Elysian Fields site.

Mr. Tilly asked Police Superintendent Bob Garner for his recommendation. Mr. Garner stated that he preferred the O.L.D. Franklin Avenue Campus location because the support vehicles are stored at the present site. Mr. Davis pointed out that he included the stored vehicles that he knew about in his calculations.

Wilma Heaton, SLFPA-E Director of Governmental Affairs, advised that there is a good chance of having the \$1.3 million funding included in the Capital Outlay funding bill. The Orleans legislative delegation requested and signed letters of support for Capital Outlay funding to construct the new police station at the Elysian Fields site. There would be a better indication regarding the success of the Capital Outlay funding request in June.

Mr. Tilly noted that locating the new police station at the Elysian Field site would provide a police presence for the general public and that there is a chance of obtaining Capital Outlay funding. The Committee discussed delaying further action on the project until June.

The Committee discussed access issues should the police station be constructed within the warehouse building. Ms. Heaton pointed out that when the Board was first organized the charge was given that the SLFPA-E offices were not to be located within any one levee district.

Mr. Tilly offered a motion to recommend that the Board approve Site Four A (Elysian Fields site), contingent upon the receipt of the Capital Outlay funding, and should Capital Outlay funding not be received, that the Board approve Site Three (construction within the warehouse building). The Committee adopted the motion.

New Business:

A. Discussion of advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for the purpose of entering into Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity contracts for Hydraulic, Coastal and Geotechnical Engineering Services and Surveying.

Stevan Spencer, SLFPA-E Regional Chief Engineer, advised that the SLFPA-E currently has 14 Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts in place for providing Hydraulic, Coastal and Geotechnical Engineering Services and Surveying on an as needed basis. The contracts were initially for a two-year period and were extended for an additional one-year period, which will expire on June 30, 2015. The SLFPA-E has the option of extending the contracts for an additional one-year period or advertising and issuing a Request for Qualifications for new contracts. The current contracts allow a four percent per year escalation in fees. Nyka Scott, SLFPA-E

Executive Counsel, advised that she would review the current contracts to determine whether the extension is allowable.

Mr. Estopinal offered a motion to recommend that the Board approve a one-year extension of the ID-IQ contracts, subject to the opinion of Executive Counsel that the extension is allowable by the contracts.

B. Discussion of issuance of a task order to GCR for 1) Mapping of 26 LPV and OFC projects within three districts from as-built documentation supplied by SLFPA-E, 2) Mapping of Orleans Levee District assets within Port of New Orleans property along the Mississippi River, and 3) Application enhancements including live status of flood control structures, increased search functionality and reports.

Steve Gourgues, GCR, Inc. (GCR) Project Manager, explained that this is the fourth task order for the continuation of the development of the GIS application. Each task order provides each levee district with some benefit in moving forward. The scope of the task order includes a series of as-built documents for 26 projects that have been provided to the Authority [Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) – 6 projects, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) – 9 projects and East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) – 11 projects]. The as-built documents will be brought into the GIS system. Shape or CAD files have been provided electronically in some cases. Project boundaries, information pertaining to right-of-way acquisitions, pertinent documentation, correspondence and reports will be attached to the application for viewing by anyone able to log into the system. The task order also includes subtasks for updating some properties in the Bucktown area (EJLD) and the mapping of flood assets along the Mississippi River from information provided by the Port of New Orleans (O.L.D.). In late 2014 the application was migrated to O.L.D. servers. A testing environment will be created as part of the development process. The database on the O.L.D. servers will be updated and restored to the servers after the update. The task order is for a total not-to-exceed amount of \$76,545.

Mr. Estopinal offered a motion that the task order be forwarded to the Board for approval. The Committee adopted the motion.

Levee District Reports:

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

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, reviewed the highlights of the HSDRRS Status Report (copy appended to minutes).

Police Activities: Robert Garner, SLFPA-E Police Superintendent, reported that the following police activities occurred during the past month: 6,500 hours worked, 440 hours worked by reserve officers, 21 arrests, 126 tickets, 191 dispatch calls, 243 items generated, 98 levee conditions reported, 107 vehicle checks and 70 pedestrian checks.

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

Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.): Gerry Gillen, O.L.D. Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the O.L.D. status report (copy appended to minutes).

East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD): Fran Campbell, EJLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the EJLD status report (copy appended to minutes).

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.