

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015**

PRESENT: Jefferson M. Angers, Chair  
Tyrone Ben, Committee Member  
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., President

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The Finance Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on September 17, 2015, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana. Mr. Angers called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** Mr. Angers thanked James Bollinger, who recently retired from the Orleans Levee District and held the position of Comptroller, for his service and invited Mr. Bollinger to address the Committee. Mr. Bollinger thanked the Commissioners for their service and support. He commented that he was informed that the annual financial audit seems to be going well and that thus far there are no findings. He added that the staffs of all three levee districts have been exceptionally conscientious in doing their jobs.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on August 27, 2015.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Financial update by Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority.**

Nyka Scott, SLFPA-E Executive Counsel, advised that this item is being deferred to next month's meeting. The current review by the Internal Auditor of the Due To/Due From costs between the Orleans Levee District and the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (NFPAMA) is anticipated to be completed and an agreement reached between the agencies on the amount that is owed prior to next month's meeting. The Chair of the NFPAMA will appear before the Finance Committee and the Board at its meetings next month to provide a full briefing.

**B. Discussion of increase of the not-to-exceed amount for Task Order No. 08-03-08 issued to URS Corp. for construction administration and inspection services to provide for additional work on the Seawall Erosion Control Reach 2 Project.**

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, explained that the Sewall Erosion Control Reach 2B Project was delayed three months and the adjusted contract time is being reviewed. URS requested an additional \$139,000 for additional construction administration and inspection services. Several questions must be addressed regarding the claim. A draft resolution has been prepared for the Board's consideration that would allow Mr. Gillen and Ms. Scott to review the claim for additional compensation, negotiate a final amount and amend the task order with a total not-to-exceed amount.

Mr. Ben offered a motion to recommend that the Board approve the resolution regarding URS's request for additional compensation. The Committee adopted the motion.

**C. Update on status of Hazard Mitigation Program Grant funding for the Violet Canal Floodwall Project.**

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, advised that an application was made for Hazard Mitigation Program Grant (HMPG) funding to complete some of the construction work that must be done along the Violet Canal as part of the levee realignment work near the Shrimp and Soap Factories. FEMA reviewed the grant and a meeting was held about three weeks ago. FEMA is requiring a benefit-cost study. The SLFPA-E's consultant that is working on the project design and the levee certificate effort has been contacted to provide a proposal to perform the benefit-cost analysis. A BC ratio greater than one is required for the grant to be approved. Once the benefit-cost analysis is performed, indications are that the grant will be forthcoming in a short period of time. Information will be provided on the particulars regarding the task order revision and cost for the benefit-cost analysis.

Mr. Turner reported that title opinions were received today for the last two required properties. The remaining properties have either been purchased or there is an agreement in place for purchase. The plans for the project are almost completed. The work under Phase I will be performed in-house. Phase II of the project should be bid in the next two to three months. Ms. Scott advised that a servitude agreement is anticipated to be executed with the owner of the Soap Factory within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Turner added that the SLFPA-E is working with St. Bernard Parish Government regarding traversing rights-of-way and the abandonment of streets.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.