

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 21, 2013**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (Authority or SLFPA-E) was held on Thursday, March 21, 2013, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Doody called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT:

Timothy P. Doody, President
John M. Barry, Vice President
Louis E. Wittie, Secretary
Stephen Estopinal, Treasurer
David P. Barnes, Jr.
G. Paul Kemp
Richard A. Luettich, Jr.
Ricardo S. Pineda

ABSENT:

Thomas L. Jackson

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mr. Doody advised that he and Mr. Kemp attended last night's hearing conducted by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) on Sundown Energy's request for a permit to rebuild a washed away portion of the service road in the Bohemia Spillway. The crevasse that was created (Mardi Gras Pass) currently diverts fresh water into the marsh. The SLFPA-E adopted two resolutions suggesting that additional study of the area be undertaken, particularly since the State has a planned sediment diversion near the crevasse. The current capacity of the breach is about 5,000 cfs. The reconstruction of the roadway using culverts would reduce this flow of fresh water.

Mr. Doody reported that he, Mr. Barry and Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, traveled to Washington, DC, to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Annual Spring Meeting and meet with members of the Congressional delegation and various officials. The three major issues discussed concerned the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the IHNC Surge Barrier and gates, future levee lifts and the use of the Central Wetlands as an additional storage unit. He elaborated on each of the issues, which are to some degree addressed in the current markup of the proposed Water Resources Development Act (WRDA):

- The IHNC Surge Barrier gates were constructed to accommodate interstate commerce and national security and should not be operated by a levee district. The

current mark up of the WRDA bill includes language for a 65/35 local cost share split for the O&M of the IHNC Surge Barrier Sector and Barge Gages. The Seabrook Gate is not included in the WRDA language. Due to water velocities, the Seabrook Gate must be closed in conjunction with the closing of the Barge Gate, which will require close coordination. The question of liability for operating the navigation gates remains unanswered in the language dealing with the 65/35 cost share split.

- The current WRDA bill markup includes language that gives a ten year authorization to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for levee lifts. Many of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) levees are built on virgin soil. In certain areas the levees are subsiding and consolidating at a very rapid rate well above that anticipated by the USACE. Therefore, some of the HSDRRS levees may require a lift in the near future. In addition, the Mississippi River Levees (MRLs) are designed to protect against riverine flooding; however, there is a cross over point between hurricane protection and riverine flooding conditions in the vicinity of the Caernarvon-Braithwaite area. The cross over point will begin to move upriver with the increase in sea level rise. The only authorization for levee lifts for the MRLs deal with riverine flooding conditions. There is no authorization for levee lifts for the MRLs as part of the HSDRRS.
- The IHNC Surge Barrier is designed to be overtopped. The IHNC corridor is to be used as a storage unit for surge barrier overtopping in a 100-year and 500-year event. The water elevation could rise in a 500-year event as high as 8-ft. due to overtopping, rainfall and pumping. There is a concern about floating objects in the corridor potentially impacting the I-walls. The SLFPA-E requested that the USACE be authorized to study the use of the Central Wetlands as an additional storage unit for the IHNC basin. One foot of rise inside of the IHNC corridor as it is currently designed would equal an inch of rise inside of the Central Wetlands. Therefore, use of the Central Wetlands would significantly reduce risks and alleviate some of the concerns of the Coast Guard and navigation industry. There is no authority for the USACE to conduct this study using HSDRRS funding currently in place. However, there is language in the current WRDA bill markup that would allow each division of the USACE to select three projects recommended by non-federal sponsors for study. It is hoped that the USACE would give favorable consideration to the selection of the Central Wetlands study as one of the three projects.

Mr. Doody advised that he recently visited with a contractor who has tugboats inside of the IHNC and that he, Mr. Turner and Robert Lacour, SLFPA-E Legal Counsel, will meet with the contractor in the near future about having a tugboat on standby during next hurricane season in the event that a vessel breaks free in the IHNC. Due to time and other constraints, not all vessels have been evacuated in the past from the IHNC as anticipated in the Coast Guard's plan, and vessels have broken free. The SLFPA-E hopes to be ready should this eventuality occur again by contracting with a tugboat operator to monitor conditions inside of the IHNC.

Mr. Doody announced that a ground breaking ceremony will be held at 2:30 p.m. for the Lakeshore Drive Seawall Stabilization and Erosion Control Project. He also advised that a meeting will be held with USACE representatives on April 10th to discuss including the seawall in the PL 84-99 Program. The inclusion of the seawall in this

Federal program would make it eligible for FEMA reimbursement should additional damage occur.

Mr. Doody explained that the SLFPA-E voluntarily adopted the State Travel Policy (PPM 49), but also allows the President to adopt reasonable rules and policies to implement reimbursements. He noted that when traveling for the purpose of conducting the business of the SLFPA-E, reimbursement will be allowed for properly documented travel expenses and mileage to and from a Commissioner's home or to and from a Commissioner's place of business at the time of the meeting.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Wittie, seconded by Mr. Estopinal and unanimously adopted, to approve the agenda.

A motion was offered by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously adopted by roll call vote, to amend the agenda to add a motion for the adoption of a resolution thanking Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the Environment and Public Works Committee, and Senator David Vitter, Ranking Member of the Committee, and their staffs for their efforts on the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 (S. 601) and offering congratulations on the unanimous vote on the bill by the Committee.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-01 –
APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 21, 2013 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Estopinal, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the minutes of the Board Meeting held on February 21, 2013.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation – Creation of wetlands along the banks of Bayou St John south of the bridge nearest Lake Pontchartrain

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, advised that the project to remove the waterfall structure (dam) in Bayou St. John at Robert E. Lee Boulevard is near completion. The project to dredge material in Bayou St. John under the Lakeshore Drive Bridge is about to commence. The dredged material was originally to be transported to the Lakefront Airport and offloaded. The Lake Pontchartrain Basin

Foundation (LPBF) approached the O.L.D. with a proposal to use the dredged material for a wetland creation project in the Bayou. The contractor for the dredging project has agreed to place the material in the proposed wetland locations at no additional contract cost. Material will be dredged to the depth required to achieve the water column proposed in the Water Management Study for the Bayou.

Andy Baker with the LPBF explained that the amendment to the dredging contract will provide an opportunity to build about one-half acre of wetlands on the shore of Lake Pontchartrain. The contract amendment can be achieved essentially at no extra cost through savings in disposal costs associated with the dredging. The LPBF recognized in its review of the project that the dredged material could be used to fill in the sides of the channel and create wetlands. A one to three-foot high sand berm will be built and setback about 25 feet from the channel. Muddier sediment will be filled in behind the sand berm and planted with wetland vegetation that will stabilize the structure. To the extent allowed by funding, the sand berm will be stabilized with sand filled geotextile bags. The bags will be locked together to create a soft wall in which plants can grow.

Mr. Baker further explained that there is sandy material towards the mouth of the lake and that the material gets muddier and deeper going into the Bayou. The channel will be dredged to a depth of about seven-feet below sea level. The channel is at about sea level at the mouth of the Bayou and deepens to about six feet at the gate. The dredge will start at the lake and move into the gate and the sand will be piled on either side of the cut. A Bobcat will be used to move the sand and create sand berms alongside the dredged channel. At this point the dredge will then have come into the main part of the channel and the excavator arm can be used to deposit the muddy material behind the created walls. The lakeside portions of the walls will be armored with geotextile bags. Matting or other materials will be used to temporarily retain the sand berms. After the berms have been built and have settled for several weeks, but before the excavator leaves the site, gaps will be broken in the sand berms to allow water flow. After additional settlement has taken place, wetland species will be planted to solidify the structure. The 25-foot setback will prevent the material from getting into the dredged channel. About 25 percent of the total dredged material will be used on site.

Mr. Baker advised that the LPBF learned yesterday that the modification to the previously approved dredging permit has been approved. Mr. Doody requested that the LPBF reach out to the Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the surrounding neighborhoods. Mr. Baker replied that the LPBF will be reaching out to stakeholders and organizing volunteer days now that the permit revision has been approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Carol Byram commented about the erosion that is occurring along the banks of the 17th Street Canal, which she stated is the result of spraying of herbicides. Mr. Doody requested that O.L.D. staff investigate the situation. Mr. Pineda thanked Ms. Byram for her comments on the erosion.

Roy Arrigo inquired about the comment regarding travel expenses made during the opening comments. Mr. Doody explained that the SLFPA-E voluntarily adopted the

State Travel Policy (PPM 49) with some specific rule changes since PPM 49 does not always fit the SLFPA-E organization.

COMMITTEES:

Finance Committee: Mr. Estopinal reported that the Finance Committee met on March 7th. The Committee reviewed and recommended approval of the SLFPA-E's and levee districts' FY 2014 Budgets. The Committee also discussed the potential impact to the levee districts should the inventory tax be eliminated. Mr. Doody noted that Garret Graves, the Governor's Executive Assistant for Coastal Activities, has advised that the elimination of the inventory tax is off the table at this time.

Operations Committee: The Operations Committee did not meet during the month of March.

Legal Committee: The Legal Committee did not meet during the month of March.

CPRA/Governmental Affairs: Mr. Barry advised that the CPRA postponed its meeting to March 27th since many of its members were in Washington, DC, for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Annual Spring Meeting. He commented that most of the people with whom he had discussions understood that the IHNC Surge Barrier Gates and Seabrook Gate must be operated as a system. He noted that Senator Vitter and his staff had done a great job. The fact that the SLFPA-E did not get everything that it asked for is a function of political realities.

Coastal Advisory Committee: Mr. Kemp reported that the Coastal Advisory Committee met on February 21st. The Committee is beginning to consider the appropriate direction to be taken to decrease residual risks once the 100-year perimeter system is completed. This will be an on-going process over the next several months.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

The Regional Director's Report (copy appended to minutes) was distributed. The format for the Regional Director's Report was revised to convey updated information since the previous report and to report new issues. Mr. Turner advised that Notification of Contract Completion (NCC) letters were received from the USACE on approximately 82 projects (Task Force Guardian and HSDDRS). NCC letters were received on two projects with on-going issues; i.e. the West Return Wall (seepage through cracks in the base of the wall) and LPV 110 (slope paving problems). NCC letters are scheduled to be issued on six additional projects within the next 90 days, including the Seabrook Complex and the IHNC Surge Barrier (end of April).

Mr. Turner commented on the current repairs being made to the IHNC Barge Gate (IHNC-02) and stated that in light of these repairs, and the fact that the gate will have to be exercised several times in order to ensure that all of the issues have been resolved and the gate is working properly, he did not envision that the project would be completed prior to the end of April. A procedure has been put in place that requires the sill to be checked before the Barge Gate is closed. The USACE is investigating the

potential purchase of side scan radar equipment to scan the sill and the adjacent channel prior to swinging and lowering the barge. Divers will be needed on standby to investigate and remove any targets detected by radar. The USACE advised that a minimum of 24 hours must be allowed for closing the Barge Gate. If there is no debris on the sill and no mechanical difficulties, the actual operation to close the Barge Gate takes about ten hours. Close coordination between the Barge Gate and Seabrook Complex Gate is required. There are strict limitations on current velocities and wind velocities for the safe opening and closing of the Barge Gate. The only potential backup at this time in the event of a failure would be to have a tugboat on standby to maneuver the concrete barge into its closed position and then sink the barge. Mr. Turner advised that he and Mr. Doody are in discussions with the owner of several vessels situated in the IHNC concerning this backup measure. It was pointed out that WDRA 2013 would probably not be passed prior to the 2013 hurricane season; therefore, it is not known at this time which entity (the USACE or the Orleans Levee District) will be operating the structure during the upcoming hurricane season. Orleans Levee District personnel are currently being trained on its operation. The current draft of the O&M Manual provides for the closure of the Barge Gate 96 hours in advance of a storm. It was pointed out that storms can develop close to the coast such that the gate's operator would not have 96 hours advance notice. Mr. Turner advised that the SLFPA-E requested that the USACE reconsider its 96 hour operating requirement and allow the SLFPA-E to close the structure on June 1st and keep it closed until the end of the hurricane season. It was suggested that the USACE Project Manager provide a presentation to the Board on the various scenarios that the USACE is working on for closing the Barge Gate.

Mr. Turner explained that the U.S. Army Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) modeled the GIWW Sector Gate for maneuvering barges through the gate under varying weather and current conditions. The GIWW, Bayou Bienvenue and Seabrook Gates were numerically modeled to determine velocities. ERDC is now collecting the data to validate the numerical models. A simulator was developed for vessels to practice moving through the Sector Gate. It was suggested that ERDC be asked to develop a simulator for the Barge Gate.

Mr. Pineda requested that a presentation be provided by FEMA at a future meeting on the new Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-02 – APPROVAL OF LEGAL INVOICES

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Barnes, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the legal invoices submitted to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E), East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District listed on the spreadsheet entitled "Legal Invoices Approved on March 21, 2013", have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate levee district Executive Director, the SLFPA-E Regional Director and the SLFPA-E General Counsel, Robert Lacour; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned invoices were submitted to the members of the Legal Committee for review.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the legal invoices listed on the spreadsheet entitled "Legal Invoices Approved on March 21, 2013" are hereby approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-03 –
RENEWAL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE**

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Barry, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East's (SLFPA-E) Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Coverage is due to expire on March 16, 2013; and

WHEREAS, a quotation for renewal of said coverage has been received from ACE through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services at an annual premium of \$62,540.10.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the renewal of Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Coverage with ACE at an annual premium of \$62,540.10 for a period of one year through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SFLPA-E Regional Director is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-04 – APPROVAL OF SLFPA-E FY 2014 BUDGET

Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the SLFPA-E Budget. The GIS Position was funded through a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) through April, 2013. There is a slight increase in Expenses over the previous year's budget primarily due to the inclusion of the GIS Position salary in the SLFPA-E FY 2014 Budget. The SLFPA-E was informed that it should not anticipate receiving the \$500,000 of State funding that it received in past years. Therefore, the FY 2014 Budget was prepared assuming that State funding would not be received. The expenses of the SLFPA-E will be apportioned to the three levee districts, which collect ad valorem taxes. Mr. Doody advised that the SLFPA-E will go "hat in hand" to the State and request State funding.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
 Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014:

**SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
 TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2014 BUDGET**

REVENUES:

Intergovernmental	-0-
Investment income	100
Cost sharing allocations from affiliates	1,120,450
CDBG Grant Income	331,774
Miscellaneous Income	-0-
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TOTAL REVENUES	1,452,324
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EXPENSES:

Personnel services	478,650
Travel	40,900
Contractual services	142,700
Materials and supplies	14,800
Furniture and Equipment	5,000
Professional Services	103,000
Miscellaneous Expense	5,000
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates	330,400
CDBG Grant Expenditures	331,774
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,452,224
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	100
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FUND BALANCE IN BEGINNING OF YEAR	210,055
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FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR	210,155
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WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities.

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2013, reviewed and recommended approval of the SLFPA-E Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 General Operating Budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-05 - APPROVAL OF LBBLD FY 2014 BUDGET

Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) FY 2014 Budget. Revenues include approximately \$11 million of anticipated funding from various Intergovernmental sources [primarily FEMA, Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP) and CDBG]. The funding received from Intergovernmental sources offset certain expenses in the budget. Salaries have increased nominally. Efforts in connection with the FEMA certification of the back levee are included in Other Charges. Engine upgrades at Pump Stations 1 and 4 (study and design phases) and three safe rooms (design and construction phases) are included under Machinery and Equipment with these costs being offset by HMGP funding.

Mr. Turner pointed out that a onetime payment of overdue Ad Valorem Taxes was made by a pipeline company in FY 2013. Therefore, there is a slight decrease in Ad Valorem Tax Revenues from FY 2013 to FY 2014.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPAE) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, including estimated revenues and expenditures, and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014:

**LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2014**

REVENUES:

Taxes	\$	3,500,000
Intergovernmental		11,070,000
Insurance proceeds		

Charges for services:	
Permits	3,000
Rents and leases	
Oil and gas royalties	
Investment income	7,500
Cost sharing allocations from affiliates	
Miscellaneous	
Total revenues	<u>14,580,500</u>

EXPENDITURES

FLOOD AND DRAINAGE PROTECTION:

Personnel services	2,483,950
Travel	2,800
Contractual services	158,350
Materials and supplies	1,625,950
Professional services	170,200
Other charges	2,376,250
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates	150,000
Machinery and equipment	8,120,000
Hurricane expenses	
Total expenditures	<u>15,087,500</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(507,000)</u>

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 0

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (507,000)

CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 4,767,000

CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR \$ 4,260,000

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2013, reviewed and recommended approval of the LBBLD Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 Budget for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-06- APPROVAL OF O.L.D. FY 2014 BUDGET

A substitute resolution was presented to the Board. Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) FY 2014 Budget. General Fund and Special Levee Improvement (SLIP) Revenue and Expenditures were reviewed. Approximately \$2.5 million of funding is included in Contractual Services for the anticipated takeover of the O&M of the IHNC Surge Barrier and Seabrook Gates. SLIP Fund capital outlays include the potential payback of the local sponsor's share for the HSDRRS (\$10 million), the seawall erosion-plaza paving project and various maintenance projects.

Mr. Doody pointed out that the O.L.D. FY 2014 Budget does not include funding for the payback of the Go Zone Bonds. A letter was received yesterday from the Division of Administration requesting payment on these bonds. The total indebtedness is approximately \$24 million. The SLFPA-E anticipated that the repayment of Go Zone Bonds would be forgiven and will continue to pursue the request for forgiveness.

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
 Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 for the Orleans Levee District, including estimated revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budgets for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014:

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
 BUDGETS
 FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2013 - JUNE 30, 2014**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL LEVEE IMPR FUND	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	16,204,351	14,247,304	30,451,655
Intergovernmental Revenue	505,000	-	505,000
Interest Income	28,400	-	28,400
Oil & Gas Royalties	400,000		400,000
Rents & Other Income	125,610		125,610
Total Revenue	17,263,361	14,247,304	31,510,665

EXPENDITURES

Personal Services	9,908,594	-	9,908,594
Contractual Services	4,314,449	-	4,314,449
Materials & Supplies	940,715	-	940,715
Professional & Technical Services	488,363	250,000	738,363
Cost Allocations & Miscellaneous	351,796	-	351,796
Machinery & Equipment	779,993	-	779,993
Capital Outlays	-	22,265,225	22,265,225
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,783,907	22,515,525	39,299,135
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	479,453	(8,267,921)	(7,788,468)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	
	FUND	LEVEE	
		IMPR	
		FUND	COMBINED
Sales of Net Assets	100,000	-	100,000
Debt Service	-	-	-
Legal Settlements	(250,000)	-	(250,000)
SLIP Fund Transfer	-	-	-
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	329,453	(8,267,921)	(7,938,468)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	33,916,121	55,741,011	89,657,132
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	34,245,574	47,473,090	81,718,664

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2013, reviewed and recommended approval of the Orleans Levee District General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014, and the approval of the Special Levee Improvement Fund (SLIP Fund) budget for that same fiscal year.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014 General Fund and SLIP Fund Budgets for the Orleans Levee District.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-07 - APPROVAL OF EJLD FY 2014 BUDGET

Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) FY 2014 Budget. Total Revenues and Expenses were reviewed. Approximately \$16 million is included under Capital Outlays for the purchase of land and the construction of the new consolidated administration/safehouse facility

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPAE) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year 2014 for the East Jefferson Levee District, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year 2014:

	General Fund	Levee Improvement Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes Collected	8,500,000		8,500,000
State Revenue Sharing Funds	510,000		510,000
Interest and Dividend	35,000	7,000	42,000
Permit	18,000		18,000
30% Transfer of Ad Valorem	(2,550,000)	2,550,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	6,513,000	2,557,000	9,070,000
EXPENDITURES			
Administrative & Executive	1,125,889	135,000	1,260,889
Levee Maintenance	2,802,825	1,675,000	4,477,825
Police	2,147,687		2,147,687
Sheriff Pension Costs	366,000		366,000
Capital Outlays	598,956	16,000,000	16,598,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,041,357	17,810,000	24,851,357
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(528,357)	(15,253,000)	(15,781,357)
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	11,452,806	18,330,635	29,783,441
ENDING FUND BALANCES	10,924,449	3,077,635	14,002,084

WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2013, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2013, reviewed and recommended approval of the EJLD Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2014.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, That the SLFPA-E approves the Fiscal Year 2014 General Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2014 Levee Improvement Budget for the East Jefferson Levee District.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-08 – EJLD FY’13 BUDGET REVISIONS

Mr. Estopinal advised that the Finance Committee reviewed the EJLD FY 2013 Budget Revisions and recommended that the Board approve the revisions.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, a review of the operating results to date indicates that budget revisions to the East Jefferson Levee District Operating Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2013 are necessary to comply with applicable state law, which requires that budgets be changed to reflect new expectations; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required for Fiscal Year 2013:

	General Fund	Levee Improvement Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes Collected	8,500,000		8,500,000
State Revenue Sharing Funds	510,000		510,000
Interest and Dividend	35,000	7,000	42,000
Permit	18,000		18,000
Fema Income/Misc. Income	107,125		107,125
30% Transfer of Ad Valorem	(2,550,000)	2,550,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	6,620,125	2,557,000	9,177,125

EXPENDITURES

Administrative & Executive	1,278,418	135,000	1,413,418
Levee Maintenance	2,705,574	60,000	2,765,574
Police	2,069,292		2,069,292
Sheriff Pension Costs	366,000		366,000
Capital Outlays	546,600	2,000,000	2,546,600
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	6,965,884	2,195,000	9,160,884
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(345,759)	372,000	16,241
BEGINNING FUND BALANCES	11,798,565	17,968,635	29,767,200
ENDING FUND BALANCES	11,452,806	18,330,635	29,783,441

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the revisions to the East Jefferson Levee District Fiscal Year 2013 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2013 Levee Improvement Budget are approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-09 – SLFPA-W AND SLFPA-E COOPERATIVE ENDEAVOR AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY SERVICES

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Estopinal, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection-West (SLFPA-W) and Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection-East (SLFPA-E) desire to furnish mutual aid to each other in the event of an emergency, when requested, to the extent of its ability considering its resources and its own impact from the emergency; and

WHEREAS, each Flood Protection Authority will document the aid and assistance provided to the other during a time of emergency for reimbursement purposes.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for Emergency Services with the SLFPA-W, and authorizes the SLFPA-E Regional Director to execute said document and any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,

Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-10 – EJLD – APPROVE USE OF FIRST NBC BANK

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Barry, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, LA R.S. 38:330.1.B establishes the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) as the governing authority over the East Jefferson Levee District; and

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the East Jefferson Levee District to utilize the services of the First NBC Bank as the depository for its funds and to open the following accounts for the transaction of its business:

Operating Account
Sweep Account
Payroll Account
Levee Improvement Account
Insurance Account

WHEREAS, the designated agents and signatories for all transactions on the aforementioned accounts shall be as follows:

Frances L. Campbell, Executive Director
Jonell C. Blowers, Special Assistant
Paula Y. Doucet, HR Analyst C

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the East Jefferson Levee District to utilize the banking services of the First NBC Bank and open the aforementioned accounts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Government/Municipal/Public Funds Bank Resolutions for each of the above accounts, designated as Attachments A through E, are hereby adopted in their entirety.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-11 –
WATER RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT ACT OF 2013**

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Estopinal, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the last Water Resources Development Act was passed by the 110th Congress in 2007; and

WHEREAS, there is a tremendous need to address the nation's critical water resources infrastructure, hurricane and flood risk management, and the restoration of the environment; and

WHEREAS, through the hard work and diligent efforts of Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, and Senator David Vitter, Ranking Member of the EPW Committee, S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013, was introduced, which addresses critical flood protection issues for communities across the country and will maintain the flow of commerce; and

WHEREAS, of significant importance to the citizens of Southeast Louisiana, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013 offers solutions and reforms that will greatly enhance the construction, operation and management of hurricane and flood risk management systems essential for the protection of lives and property.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East expresses its sincerest gratitude to Senator Barbara Boxer, Chairman of the Environment and Public Works (EPW) Committee, Senator David Vitter, Ranking Member of the EPW Committee, and their staffs, for their dedicated service and commitment to pass S. 601, the Water Resources Development Act of 2013.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East congratulates Senator Boxer and Senator Vitter on the unanimous vote by the EPW Committee on WRDA 2013.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-12 – ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT PROPERTY HAZARD (WIND/FIRE) INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL

Mr. Doody advised that the renewal of this coverage was reviewed by the Finance Committee and that the Committee recommended approval of its renewal.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,

Seconded by Mr. Pineda, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Flood Protection Division's property hazard insurance coverage is due to expire on April 20, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Eagan Insurance Agency shopped the market for said coverage and received a risk pool renewal quote from AmRisc, the incumbent carrier; and

WHEREAS, AmRisc has offered coverage through a non-admitted layered assigned named insurance risk provider pool at an annual premium of \$368,791.30 for \$38,624,267.00 million dollars in coverage, with a \$25,000 deductible AOP per

occurrence or a five percent (5%) deductible per building insured value for named storms (wind/ hail) subject to a \$100,000 minimum deductible; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated annual cost for the renewal of property insurance coverage is \$368,791.30 inclusive of surplus line policy taxes.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the procurement of property hazard (wind/fire) insurance coverage for properties under the jurisdiction of the O.L.D. Flood Protection Division from AmRisc, as stated above, at an estimated annual cost of \$368,791.30 for a period of one year, commencing on April 20, 2013 and expiring on April 20, 2014, and authorizes the O.L.D. Executive Director to execute any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-13 – BAYOU ST. JOHN LPBF APPLICATION

On the motion of Mr. Barry,

Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation (LPBF) has applied to the Urban Waters Partnership – Five Star Restoration Program for funds to improve the habitat of Bayou St. John; and

WHEREAS, the habitat improvement will consist of managing the material dredged from the channel as a resource for restoration by shaping the material into sand berms parallel to the Bayou's channel just north of the Sector Gate; and

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District presently has a dredging contract with Anders Construction, LLC who has indicated that they would charge the scope of work at no additional compensation to the Orleans Levee District for this berm placement.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East supports the LPBF application, the habitat improvement plan, and the contractor's scope of work change.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orleans Levee District Executive Director is authorized to sign any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

RESOLUTION NO. 03-21-13-14 – SEAWALL LIGHTS PROJECT

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Estopinal, the following resolution was offered:

“A resolution authorizing the Orleans Levee District to prepare and submit an application to the Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries (hereinafter the “Department”) through the Sport Fish Restoration (Wallop-Breaux) program for assistance in the implementation of the Seawall Lights Project along Reaches 4 and 5 of the Southern Shore of Lake Pontchartrain; providing for necessary documentation of the need for the Seawall Lights Project and providing other matters in connection therewith.”

WHEREAS, the Seawall Lights Project along Reaches 4 and 5 of the Southern Shore of Lake Pontchartrain is located in Orleans Parish, provides public access to Lake Pontchartrain, and would be of benefit to the citizens of New Orleans and surrounding parishes as well as recreational fishermen and boaters from the State and other states; and

WHEREAS, the lights along the seawall of Reaches 4 and 5 of the Southern Shore of Lake Pontchartrain are in need of more illumens to provide proper lighting along the new pedestrian concrete; and

WHEREAS, it is estimated that the cost of such eligible improvements for this funding source is \$600,000.00, and the local share of \$150,000.00 is to come from Orleans Levee District funds

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East acknowledges the eligibility of the Orleans Levee District for assistance and authorizes it to enter into a project agreement with the Department to provide for said construction on a reimbursement basis, with the Orleans Levee District providing 25% by appropriations or in-kind services, and the Department providing 75% matching funds for work accomplished;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orleans Levee District has matching funds;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that Gerard Gillen, Executive Director, Orleans Levee District is hereby designated to sign any and all documents necessary, on behalf of the Orleans Levee District, in conjunction with the filing of this application.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luetlich,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Jackson

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Review new permit language including hold harmless.

A motion was offered by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Estopinal and unanimously adopted, for the Board to convene in Executive Session to discuss the item listed on the agenda. The Board convened in Executive Session at 11:40 a.m.

A motion was offered by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Wittie and unanimously adopted, for the Board to reconvene in regular session at 1:10 p.m.

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on April 18, 2013 and hosted by the EJLD.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:12 p.m.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 21, 2013

HSDRRS Project Status Update

A number of Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) projects have neither experienced significant problems nor undergone substantial changes in the last month and, therefore, are not included in this report. However, the status of ALL projects is updated at least weekly in a report maintained by the Authority staff.

The status of the following projects has changed in the last month:

IHNC-02. The barge gate and ancillary structures are undergoing repairs and remediation. Some 4,800 linear feet of uni-strut in the ballast tanks will be cleaned and rust-proofed. The landing beams on which the barge rests when in the open position will be repaired and cleaned. The windlass will be repositioned and the wildcat (drum) will be ground down to allow the chain links to pass through it without twisting. Other steps will be taken to improve the operability and longevity of the windlasses.

The project was "substantially complete" as of Dec. 21, 2012, and the final inspection is tentatively scheduled for April of 2013. There are still several dozen outstanding punch list items.

A plan is being developed to install navigational hazard warning signs along the barrier wall.

LPV-104.02b. The coated sheet pile for construction of the required seepage cut-off wall should be on site in the next 30 days.

LPV-105.02. Final Inspection punch list items are being addressed by the contractor and US Army Corps of Engineers' hired labor forces.

LPV-106. The Corps will let a contract to address corner cracks in the concrete sheet pile cap caused by the lack of proper joint details.

LPV-109.02a. URS is preparing plans to raise 3,000 linear feet of levee at Highway 11 by about 2.5 feet. A Corps hired labor force is scheduled to start the work on April 1, 2013, using fill from the Bonnet Carre Spillway. URS is also preparing plans to repair problems resulting from subsidence of the floodgate at Highway 11.

The Corps has decided that the landward edge of the protected side berm on this project can serve as the required 15' vegetation free zone. However, the rock face constructed along the toe of the berm to accommodate the buried wick drain system must be kept "tree" free.

LPV-111 –The Corps took two geo-probe borings at the levee slide site. The samples will undergo tests to determine moisture content, atterberg limits, and shear strength. URS will prepare plans and specifications for the repair work and determine if other areas might be prone to slides.

LPV-149 – The 65% design submittal for the transition of HSDRRS floodwall to the Mississippi River levee has been reviewed by SLFPAE and comments have been submitted to the Corps.

Outfall Canals. The 95% plans and specifications for the installation of additional sheet piles along the London Ave Canal have been reviewed and comments have been submitted. Plans are being prepared for additional remediation work on the west side of the 17th St. Canal south of Veterans Highway.

PCCP. The latest round of Design/Construction submittals have been reviewed by the Corps and an award recommendation is expected in April 2013.

Construction Projects:

Project	Status	Comments
Franklin Administration Building Refurbishment	25% complete	
Bayou Bienvenue Maintenance Cycle	30% complete	The structure is scheduled to be re-watered and open for navigation on March 21, 2013.
Bayou St. John Waterfall Demolition Project	60% complete	
Bayou St. John Sandbar Removal		Preconstruction meeting held on March 1, 2013
Seawall Steps Erosion – Phase 1B		Issued Notice to Proceed on Feb. 27, 2013
Citrus Lakefront Levee – 8” Sewer Valve		Issued Notice to Proceed
Maxent/Paris Rd. Levee – Clearing Contract	45% complete	Rain Delay

Studies:

Project	Status	Comments
Outfall Canal Bank Stabilization Monitoring (Gerwick)	75% complete	Final report under review
Citrus Lakefront Railroad Drain Pipe Crossings (BKI)	95% complete	Planning for an exploratory cleaning and condition assessment of drain lines

Internal Affairs

Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manuals for standard levee system features. The review of the draft HSDRRS O&M Manual by our O&M Manual Workgroup continues. Volumes 1 and 2 of the Manual are generic and apply to the entire system. A separate Volume 3 will be developed for each project segment and will contain information pertaining specifically to that segment. We have worked closely with the Corps, SLFPAW, and CPRA to establish a workable Volume 3 template.

Operation and Maintenance Requirements for complex structures. Our consultant, GEC, has prepared preliminary storm-related operational criteria based National Weather Service tidal, surge and weather predictions. A staffing plan for HSDRRS complex structures, which are primarily the mechanically operated gates across navigation channels, is under development. Key to that effort is the ability of GEC to obtain appropriate documentation from the Corps, including Operation and Maintenance Manuals, inspection reports, structure plans, and preliminary Water Control Plans. Although we have requested this information from the Corps, most of it has not yet been provided.

Minimum staffing requirements for emergency operations of the various gated structures have been developed. Job descriptions for the required personnel will be defined before the end of March 2013.

Non-Federal Levee Certification. A task order will be issued to BFM, Inc. to conduct profile surveys on the non-federal levees in Orleans and Lake Borgne Basin Levee Districts. After completion of the preliminary survey work, our consultant, Tetra-tech, will conduct a visual inspection of the levee systems to determine the requirements for the next phase of the certification work.

Quarterly Levee Inspections. Fourth quarter levee inspection reports have been completed and distributed. We have established a new system-wide review process in which executive directors of each levee district and their employees most involved in the inspection process meet with authority staff each quarter to review inspection reports. The primary emphasis is placed on identifying remedial concerns and tracking the progress of repairs. The meeting

also provides a venue for our employees to share insights, ask questions and offer each other advice and assistance.

Our staff is evaluating several new methods for collecting inspection data and reporting the results. To date, we have met with SLFPAW, CPRA, and the Corps to review what those organizations are using for inspections. We expect to have a recommendation on which system to use by the end of May 2013.

Emergency Preparedness. The river is near 7' at the Carrollton Gage and is predicted to crest around 9' before the end of March 2013. High river stages are expected this spring due to heavy snowfall accumulations in the Great Lakes area.

Hurricane season officially starts on June 1, 2013, and early predictions are for an above-average year.