

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 16, 2022**

PRESENT: Jason P. Latiolais, Chair
Richard G. Duplantier, Jr., Committee Member
Herbert I. Miller, Committee Member
Herbert T. Weysham, III, Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) met on June 16, 2022, in the New Orleans Lakefront Airport Terminal Building, Second Floor Conference Room, 6001 Stars and Stripes Boulevard, New Orleans, LA. Mr. Latiolais called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the Operations Committee meeting held on May 19, 2022.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of the proposed execution of an Intergovernmental Agreement between the East Jefferson Levee District and the City of Kenner to utilize the West Return Wall Splash Pad and all weather access road on the Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee in Kenner for recreational use, to include walking, cycling and jogging.

Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering, advised that the City of Kenner (Kenner) requested use of the West Return Wall Splash Pad and all weather access road (AWAR) along the Kenner lakefront for recreational use. Intergovernmental Agreements (IGA) are in place for use of the AWAR in Metairie and elsewhere; however, use of the splash pad is unique. The proposed IGA is modeled after the agreement with Jefferson Parish and requires Kenner to provide maintenance up to an amount of \$20,000 per year. The FPA would provide a 50 percent share of the cost of maintenance above \$20,000 per year; however, the FPA would be responsible for any damage that may be caused by its personnel. The IGA would allow Kenner to promptly implement repairs (e.g., pot holes) and for Kenner to be aware of and take on a share of the risks, particularly relative to the concrete splash pad. He advised that Michelle White, Executive Counsel, reviewed the proposed IGA and would be requested to review the document again before it is executed.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the proposed IGA with Kenner.

B. Discussion of the proposed authorization by the Board for AECOM to prepare a report at no cost to the FPA on funding opportunities for the FPA under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, and present its report to the Board of Commissioners.

Mr. Miller advised that the FPA currently has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contract with AECOM. AECOM has prepared reports for several of its clients, including the State of Louisiana, identifying potential funding opportunities under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA), which is several thousand pages. AECOM has offered to prepare a report for the FPA free of charge. He recommended that the FPA take advantage of this opportunity.

Mr. Joanen commented that he was excited when he saw this item because it would be a good supplement to the proposed needs list.

Mike Paterno with AECOM explained that it is important to those in the engineering and construction industry to pay attention to the IIJA. AECOM developed a tool that would help its clients. AECOM and its predecessor URS have worked for the FPA and the levee districts for many decades; therefore, AECOM is offering to provide the information to the FPA with no strings attached. AECOM recently developed reports for various cities and parishes, and most recently for the State of Louisiana (Louisiana Watershed Initiative).

Mr. Miller advised that a presentation by AECOM would be provided at the Board meeting.

Mr. Morgan stated he appreciated AECOM's offer and explained that as an ID-IQ contractor AECOM would be considered for a project with no guarantee, if they are qualified to do the work. Mr. Paterno responded that he understood.

The Committee will recommend that the Board approve the offer by AECOM to prepare a report at no cost to the FPA on funding opportunities for the FPA under the IIJA.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.