

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
PUBLIC HEARING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024**

The Public Hearing was held on Thursday, August 15, 2024, in the Joseph Yenni Building, Second Floor Council Chambers, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, Louisiana, at 10:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Clay A. Cosse, President
Roy M. Arrigo, Vice President
William A. Settoon, Jr., Treasurer
Thomas G. Fierke
Richard G. Duplantier, Jr.
K. Randall Noel
Derek N. Rabb

ABSENT:

Deborah M. Settoon, Secretary

Mr. Cosse read the notice setting forth the purpose of the public hearing:

“Pursuant to Article 7, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), a public hearing of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East on behalf of the East Jefferson Levee District to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates after reassessment and rolling forward to rates not to exceed the prior year’s maximum.”

Mr. Cosse called for public comments. There were no public comments.

Mr. Rabb advised that Commissioner Deborah Settoon was unable to attend the meeting and asked that her statement be read: “As a representative of East Jefferson Parish, I strongly request that the Board support collecting the same amount of revenue for the East Jefferson Levee District as last year and not roll forward the millage rate.”

There was no further discussion.

The public hearing was adjourned at 10:04 a.m.

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY–EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 15, 2024**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or FPA) was held on August 15, 2024, in the Joseph Yenni Building, Second Floor Council Chambers, 1221 Elmwood Park Blvd., Jefferson, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Cosse called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. He advised that Mr. Settoon informed him that Clarence Al Wethern, a former long-time Orleans Levee District employee, recently passed away at the age of 96. Mr. Wethern served his country well as a seasoned Navy pilot. He graduated from Tulane University at the age of 54. Prior to retirement, Mr. Wethern worked 22 years at the Orleans Levee District where he was instrumental in the New Orleans Lakefront Airport restoration efforts after Hurricane Katrina. He had also worked on numerous projects throughout the City of New Orleans. Mr. Wethern was survived by his wife of 74 years Gloria. Mr. and Mrs. Wethern had three children. He asked that everyone keep the family in their prayers. Mr. Settoon added that he knew Mr. Wethern slightly and that he was a very dedicated employee.

Mr. Cosse led the pledge of allegiance. Mr. Arrigo called the roll and a quorum was present:

PRESENT:

Clay A. Cosse, President
Roy M. Arrigo, Vice President
William A. Settoon, Jr., Treasurer
Thomas G. Fierke
Richard G. Duplantier, Jr.
K. Randall Noel
Derek N. Rabb

ABSENT:

Deborah M. Settoon, Secretary

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-24-01- APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING HELD ON JULY 18, 2024

On the motion of Mr. Duplantier,

Seconded by Mr. Settoon, 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 July 18, 2024.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

SAFETY MINUTE:

Matthias Culotta, Mechanic 4, Operations and Maintenance, London Avenue Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP), provided the safety minute. He advised that safety is incorporated in all of the work the PCCP crew performs. He addressed the importance of situational awareness. No matter the environment or type of work, situational awareness is perhaps the single most significant habit in keeping employees safe. Situational awareness is the ability to perceive, understand and respond to a situation effectively. It involves comprehension in any given circumstance, gathering and analyzing relevant information, and making informed decisions in order to successfully address potential risks, hazards or events. The PCCP crew strives to be safe and keep the citizens of New Orleans safe. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to present the safety minute.

Mr. Noel asked was the FPA aware of the proposed Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) heat related rules. Martin Eilers, Risk and Project Management Director, advised that he received an update from the National Weather Service regarding today's extreme hot temperatures. The Safety team was proactively getting with crews to ensure they had the appropriate knowledge on work and rest schedules and that the schedules were being implemented. The Safety team was also observing crews in the field and ensuring they had adequate resources to remain hydrated and that supervisors were monitoring conditions and symptoms. The FPA stays informed about OSHA heat-related safety regulations and does everything possible to ensure a safe work environment for all employees, especially those who are out in the field.

Mr. Settoon asked had there been any heat related incidents relative to employees. Mr. Eilers responded, yes; however, none were serious. The incidents required the employees to receive some medical attention; however, the employees were now okay.

OPENING COMMENTS BY PRESIDENT AND COMMISSIONERS:

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Pierre Champagne advised that he is an engineering graduate of the University of New Orleans (UNO) and retired from nearly half a century of engineering design and planning with AT&T. His purpose for addressing the Board was to speak in support of the FPA's new Superintendent of Police Joshua Rondeno. Mr. Champagne explained that he had known Supt. Rondeno since the 1990s, first as a student and throughout his career with the UNO Police Department. He was fascinated by Supt. Rondeno's ability to build relationships, especially when he became UNO's Chief of Police after having been an Officer in the department. He said that he was thrilled with Supt. Rondeno's move to the FPA-East and the opportunities for continued teamwork. He commented about the FPA's impressive flood defense system and suggested that engineering students tour the PCCP. He thanked the Board for the opportunity to attend the meeting and hear about what the FPA is doing.

Scot Craig, Katies' Restaurant/Francesca Deli, spoke in support of Supt. Rondeno. He said that he was an alumnus of UNO, an invested businessman and lifelong resident of New Orleans. He stated that he has known Supt. Rondeno for at least 15 years and met him when he was a UNO Officer. Mr. Craig explained that he is involved with the Lakefront Arena, catering at the arena and athletics. He said that he watched Supt. Rondeno grow over the past 12 years at UNO being promoted from Officer to Sergeant to Lieutenant to Captain and then to Chief of Police. He said that it was no surprise that Josh Rondeno was hired as the FPA's Superintendent of Police.

As a resident of Lakewood South and having properties in Orleans Parish, Mr. Craig explained that he felt better since Hurricane Katrina regarding the flood protection system. However, knowing that Supt. Rondeno is leading the Orleans and East Jefferson Levee District Police Departments provides another level of comfort. He stated that Supt. Rondeno is a fine human being, a great communicator and knows how to get people to work for him. If the FPA gives Supt. Rondeno the tools, he will be completely successful in this job. Mr. Craig thanked the Board for everything it is doing.

PRESENTATIONS:

None.

REPORT BY REGIONAL DIRECTOR:

Kelli Chandler, Regional Director, provided the Regional Director's Report:

- **Hurricane Season:** FPA staff is actively monitoring the tropics with its in-house resources.
- **17th Street Canal Erosion Mitigation East Bank Veterans to Old Hammond Highway:** The project was going well and ahead of schedule. All sheet piles were installed. The barge-mounted excavator in the canal was being demobilized.
- **Lake Borgne Sheet Pile Rehabilitation Project:** The project was in the early stages (about 12 percent complete) and going well.

- **Safety:** Several vehicles while driving on the levees caught fire due to accumulated thatch. Mitigation options being considered include using vehicles with a higher clearance and when possible driving only on the All-Weather Access Road (AWAR).

Mr. Rabb asked was there a goal for the completion of the FPA Fleet Motor Vehicle Usage Policy. Ms. Chandler replied that there was no particular deadline.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Settoon advised that the Finance Committee met prior to the Board meeting. The Committee discussed the roll back and option to roll forward the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) millage rate. The Committee recommended that the Board roll back the millage rate. The motion offered at the Committee meeting to recommend that the Board roll forward the EJLD millage rate passed by a vote of two to one. The Committee also reviewed the 4th Quarter Budget to Actuals. The Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 Budget was in good shape and closely within its limitations. There appeared to be a surplus because a majority of the projects are long term (multi-months or multi-years). In addition, project delays pushed funds budgeted in FY 2024 to FY 2025. An update was provided to the Committee on Police Pay.

Operations Committee: Mr. Fierke advised that since the Operations Committee did not have a quorum, an informational meeting was held on August 8. He recommended that the Board approve the advertisement of Requests for Qualifications for the Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quality Contracts that will expire in January 2025.

Mr. Fierke asked about the rule for placing items on the Board agenda. Glenda Boudreaux, Administrative Program Director, advised that items come out of a committee or a Commissioner can request an item be placed on the Board agenda. However, the President makes the final decision regarding the Board agenda.

Mr. Fierke inquired about an item submitted by a Commissioner regarding a proposed amendment to the Bylaws. Ms. Boudreaux explained that at the current time the Bylaws were being reviewed as a whole. Proposed amendments were requested from all Board members and were to be consolidated with staff's extensive amendments needed to bring the Bylaws into legal compliance. The proposed amendments were to go to the Legal Committee for review prior to being submitted to the Board for approval. Since the Legal Committee's Chair was unable to hold a meeting in August, the review would take place at the September Legal Committee meeting.

Mr. Settoon inquired about the suggested Bylaw amendment that he submitted. Mr. Rabb, Legal Committee Chair, explained that the thought was that it would be discussed with the other proposed amendments at length at the Legal Committee meeting. Wilma Heaton, Director of Governmental Affairs, commented that with obtaining input and the back and forth about the Bylaws there may have been a misunderstanding regarding what was to be accomplished.

Legal Committee: The Legal Committee did not meet in August; therefore, there was no report.

Mr. Rabb addressed from a legal perspective the FPA's efforts to reduce vehicular accidents and liability. He pointed out that the Regional Director's written report included the following information on Police training: (1) One Lieutenant from the Orleans Levee District Police Department (OLDPD) and two Lieutenants from the East Jefferson Levee Police Department (EJLDPD) completed The National Academy of Police Driving Instructor certification course. (2) Four Officers were scheduled to attend "Take Action: Make the R.I.G.H.T. Choice and Intervene," which is a no-cost train-the-trainer course designed to train law enforcement personnel to actively intervene to prevent colleagues from committing policy mistakes, unethical conduct or criminal conduct.

Joshua Rondeno, Superintendent of Police, explained that in addition to the defensive driving course mentioned by Mr. Rabb, the OLDPD and EJLDPD are onboarding an elective defensive driving course across the board. Every Officer who drives a Police vehicle will be required to complete the six-hour defensive driving course. The goal is to reduce the FPA's liability footprint. The pursuit policy remains suspended until it is further reviewed and Legal consideration is given so that Police Officers can render services more efficiently and responsibly. In the past, most vehicular incidents involved vehicle pursuits. The idea is that OLDPD and EJLDPD Officers will be more apt to pursue fleeing felons when crimes occur adjacent to flood protection facilities or structures, than for administrative, non-flood related violations throughout the City.

Mr. Fierke inquired about what was being done regarding driving safety for Operations and Maintenance personnel. Ms. Chandler advised that the FPA had initial discussions with the Smith Driving School regarding defensive driving training. The FPA will also implement a train the trainer program in order to provide defensive driving training for all personnel. Supt. Rondeno pointed out that FPA personnel spend significantly less time on the roadway than do Police Officers. Due to increased expectations and accountability, additional training sessions are provided for Police Officers.

Mr. Settoon asked about training for equipment operators who drive tractors on the levee. Mr. Eilers advised that different procedures, policies and considerations are in place due to the nature of the work. Defensive driving training provides good practices for all drivers. Other potential training programs have been researched. The FPA has unique risk exposures with regards to tractors and travel on a levee system with steep embankments, high elevations and sharp turns. The FPA has been working in house with some of the more skilled, experienced operators and personnel to develop a training course for field crews that drive tractors on the levee system. This issue is a separate area of consideration from defensive driving training.

Special Issues Committee: The Special Issues Committee did not meet in August; therefore, there was no report.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. Annual Performance Review of Chris Humphreys as Director of Engineering of the SLFPA-E.

A motion was offered by Mr. Rabb, seconded by Mr. Duplantier 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 10:40 a.m.

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo, seconded by Mr. Settoon and unanimously adopted, to reconvene in regular session at 10:48 a.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-24-02 - ADOPTION OF EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT MILLAGE RATE FOR CALENDAR YEAR 2024

Denise Williams, Regional Finance Director, explained that after a reassessment the Board is required by law to adopt a resolution to roll back to the adjusted millage rate. The Board then has the opportunity to roll the adjusted millage rate forward up to the maximum millage rate. Mr. Cosse read the resolution in its entirety. Ms. Williams advised that the newly adjusted (roll back) millage rate for the EJLD is 3.82 mills.

It was noted that the adopted resolution is the mechanism used to place the millage on the tax roll and collect the tax. The process required by law provides transparency for the public and demonstrates that increased revenues would be collected if the Board rolled the millage rate forward to last year's rate. The millage rate for calendar year 2023 was 4.01 mills, which is the maximum (roll forward) millage rate. A roll call vote was conducted on the adoption of the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Mr. Settoon, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East on behalf of the East Jefferson Levee District of Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on Thursday, August 15, 2024 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following adjusted millage rate be and it is hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2024, for the purpose of raising revenue:

Adjusted Rate

Constitutional (General Tax) 3.82 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of Jefferson Parish, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2024 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Cosse, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

Set forth the adjusted millage rate and roll forward to such increased millage rate allowed by law, but not to exceed the maximum authorized millage for the prior year, and certify the millage rate to the proper administrative officials of the Parish of Jefferson for the purpose of causing the East Jefferson Levee District's taxes to be entered on the tax rolls and collected for the tax year 2024 on all property subject to taxation by the East Jefferson Levee District.

Ms. Williams advised that Mr. Arrigo recommended in the Finance Committee meeting that the EJLD millage rate be rolled forward. She explained that she distributed a spreadsheet that listed rates between the adjusted millage rate (3.82) and the maximum millage rate (4.01) and the corresponding additional tax revenues. Rolling forward to the maximum millage rate of 4.01 mills would allow the EJLD to collect \$660,000 more per year than was collected in Fiscal Year 2024. The Board can roll forward the millage rate in any of the four years after the reassessment (calendar years 2024, 2025, 2026 or 2027).

A motion was offered by Mr. Arrigo and seconded by Mr. Duplantier to roll forward the EJLD millage rate to 4.01 mills. Mr. Cosse read the resolution in full.

Mr. Arrigo stated that the 4.01 millage rate that he requested the Board to adopt was the same rate adopted for calendar year 2023. He explained, relative to levee district ad valorem taxes, that with the 4.01 millage rate a Jefferson Parish property owner paid 32.37 percent of what was paid by a property owner in Orleans Parish with an equal property and 56.3 percent of what was paid by a property owner in St. Bernard Parish with an equal property. He strongly asked that the Board roll forward and adopt the 4.01 millage rate.

Mr. Settoon explained that the motion in the Finance Committee meeting to recommend that the Board roll forward the millage rate was adopted by a vote of two to one. He stated that he was opposed to the roll forward for several reasons. First, the FPA's finances are in good shape. Second, the rate can be adjusted annually, if needed, as

costs increase. He stated that the media notice regarding the public hearing advised that Jefferson Parish taxes could be raised without any voter input. This is false because the residents of Jefferson Parish had voted to allow the tax to be raised to 4.01 mills.

Mr. Noel stated that property taxes were designed to allow assessments to raise taxes as the values of structures increase to help cover inflation and public services. He pointed out that \$660,000 is not a big number in the grand scheme of things. However, the FPA is looking at raising employee salaries and increased costs. He stated that he felt, personally, it was his fiduciary duty to collect the taxes to give the FPA the capabilities to do things today and those things planned for the future. He stated that this would not break the backs of anyone in Jefferson Parish. It may increase a property owners' taxes by \$5.00. Therefore, he supported the roll forward of the millage rate. Mr. Duplantier and Mr. Rabb concurred with Mr. Noel.

A roll call vote was conducted with Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel and Mr. Rabb voting yea, and Mr. Cosse and Mr. Settoon voting nay. Ms. Settoon was absent and there were no abstentions. A two-thirds vote of the total membership was required to adopt the resolution; therefore, the resolution failed.

Federal Legislative Update by Mercury/Bold Strategies:

Wilma Heaton, Director of Governmental Affairs, explained that Mercury/Bold Strategies provided its quarterly update last month. Due to a recent newspaper article about the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA) bill going through the House, an update was requested. Since the update was straight forward, a request was not made for a representative of Mercury/Bold Strategies to attend the Board meeting. Copies of the Mercury/Bold Strategies Update on WRDA (FY 25) and page 25 of the WRDA bill, which had been emailed to Commissioners, were distributed to the Board. The full WRDA bill (over 200 pages) was emailed to Board members.

Ms. Heaton explained that language regarding the 200-year level of flood protection for the FPA-East had been included in the first leg of the WRDA bill. Mercury/Bold Strategies had worked for many months with House Majority Leader Scalise. She thanked Congressman Troy Carter, Second Congressional District, who was very vocal in supporting this effort. The WRDA bill is currently at the beginning of the process.

Mr. Noel asked could Mercury/Bold Strategies be requested to assist the FPA at the State Legislature with the Police Supplemental Pay issue. Ms. Heaton explained that the FPA is prohibited from having a State lobbyist. However, the FPA can advocate facts. She advised that she met with the Board's President and Supt. Rondeno about this issue. In order for the Legislature to initially approve Police Supplemental Pay for OLDPD and EJLDPD Officers, the FPA had to compromise and pay for it out of its own budget. The Port of New Orleans has the same issue. The OLDPD and EJLDPD are the only urban police departments in Louisiana not receiving Police Supplemental Pay from the State. State funded Police Supplemental Pay for OLDPD and EJLDPD

Officers is on the FPA's legislative agenda for a meeting in January with the Governor's Office and the FPA's Legislative Delegation. The FPA would simply ask that Police Supplemental Pay for OLDPD and EJLDPD Officers be included in the State budget. Only a couple of words would need to be changed in the statute to accomplish this.

Ms. Heaton pointed out that over 25 levee boards in Louisiana are allowed to adopt resolutions of support for initiatives. However, the FPA-East and West are prohibited by law from adopting such resolutions.

Mr. Settoon commented that a tour of the FPA's facilities, including the Surge Barrier, was provided for Congressional staff. The event was led by House Majority Leader Scalise's Office and every district in the State but one was represented. The tour was well done and well organized.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-24-03 - APPROVAL OF ANNUAL PAY ADJUSTMENT FOR FPA DIRECTOR OF ENGINEERING

A motion was offered by Mr. Noel, seconded by Mr. Fierke and unanimously adopted, to approve a four percent increase to the annual salary for the Director of Engineering.

On the motion of Mr. Noel,
Seconded by Mr. Fierke, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) was established as a levee district pursuant to Article VI, Sections 38 and 38.1 of the Constitution of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to La. R.S. 38:330.1.C.(1)(a), the Board of Commissioners (Board) of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East shall exercise all authority over and have management, oversight, and control over the FPA; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) adopted revised Bylaws at a Regular Board Meeting held on December 17, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the Board adopted Resolution No. 05-19-22-03 on May 19, 2022, to amend said Bylaws, in part, to provide in Article VI, Section 6, that annual salary adjustments for Executive Counsel, Director of Engineering and/or Regional Director shall require Board approval; and

WHEREAS, in July, 2024, Regional Director Kelli Chandler conducted a performance evaluation of Chris Humphreys, Director of Engineering; and

WHEREAS, said performance evaluation was presented to the members of the Board of Commissioners in Executive Session at the August 15, 2024, Board meeting; and

WHEREAS, based on the aforementioned performance evaluation and usual considerations of adjustments considered typical to account for cost of living increases year over year, the Board recommended adjusting the annual salary of

the Director of Engineering to \$187,158.40, which represents a four percent increase in annual pay.

WHEREAS, said pay increase shall be effective July 15, 2024; and

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East hereby approves a four percent increase to the annual salary for the Director of Engineering.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

Update on Police pay:

Supt. Rondeno provided an update on the Police pay initiatives. He explained that several weeks ago a dialogue took place with President Cosse and Legal Committee Chair Derek Rabb regarding the initiatives. The FPA moved forward with elevating Communications Officers to the Communication Officer 2 position. The HR Department assisted with the development of a Career Progression Group so that over a course of a couple of years the Communications Officers can meet benchmarks and move up to the next available positions. No additional work was required on the FPA's part for Civil Service approval. This initiative was put in place after the initial meeting.

Supt. Rondeno provided positive news about moving forward with the recruitment and retention of better qualified officers. He explained that a study was conducted through the Finance Department. The study determined that the implementation of Special Pay (Retention Pay) would not adversely affect the agency's overall budget.

Supt. Rondeno advised that because of an internal FPA decision, State Supplemental Pay for Police Officers meeting the legal requirements had been delayed for one year from onboarding. This is not a common practice with other agencies. The OLDPD and EJLDPD can even out the playing field for recruiting qualified candidates by allowing officers who have the required experience and who will serve the agency better over time to receive State Supplemental Pay upon hire.

Supt. Rondeno explained that Special Pay is \$1.00 per hour for officers with less than two years' experience on the job and \$2.00 per hour for officers with two or more years of experience on the job. Special Pay is calculated towards an officer's base pay only. It is not paid for holidays or when an officer is on sick, annual or other types of leave. The estimated annual maximum amount for the Police pay initiatives is \$294,000; however, this figure will not be realized based on holidays and leave taken by officers.

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-24-04 - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND ISSUE RFQs FOR ID-IQ CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION MATERIALS TESTING AND INSPECTION SERVICES

Mr. Fierke pointed out that the FPA will be seeking two rather than three consultants. The proposed contracts will be for a period of three years.

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Mr. Noel, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) and levee districts under its jurisdiction are in need of Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for professional Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the FPA's current ID-IQ contracts for said services will expire on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the ID-IQ contracts will be utilized on an as needed basis with no guarantee of work to the consultants; and

WHEREAS, the selection process for the ID-IQ contracts will be governed by the FPA's Purchasing Policy adopted on February 16, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for professional Construction Materials Testing and Inspection Services for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ contracts for services on an as needed basis.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

RESOLUTION NO. 08-15-24-05 - APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE AND ISSUE RFQs FOR ID-IQ CONTRACTS FOR SUPPORT SERVICES (ARCHITECTURAL / MECHANICAL / ELECTRICAL / AND OTHER FACILITY SERVICES)

On the motion of Mr. Fierke,
Seconded by Mr. Arrigo, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (FPA) and levee districts under its jurisdiction are in need of Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) contracts for professional Architectural, Mechanical, Electrical and Other Facility Support Services on an as needed basis; and

WHEREAS, the FPA's current ID-IQ contracts for said services will expire on January 14, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the ID-IQ contracts will be utilized on an as needed basis with no guarantee of work to the consultants; and

WHEREAS, the selection process for the ID-IQ contracts will be governed by the FPA's Purchasing Policy adopted on February 16, 2023.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the advertisement and issuance of Requests for Qualifications for professional Support Services (Architectural / Mechanical / Electrical / and Other Facility Services) for the purpose of entering into ID-IQ contracts for services on an as needed basis.

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

YEAS: Mr. Arrigo, Mr. Duplantier, Mr. Fierke, Mr. Noel, Mr. Rabb and Mr. Settoon

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Ms. Settoon

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on September 19, 2024.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 a.m.