

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 14, 2009**

PRESENT: Stradford Goins, Committee Member
Thomas Jackson, Committee Member

ABSENT: Abril Sutherland, Chairperson
George Losonsky, Committee Member

The Legal Committee met on May 14, 2009, in the in the Second Floor Hall, Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana. Acting Chairman Stradford Goins called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 12, 2009 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

Old Business:

A. Discussion of responses to Request for Qualifications for Legal Services.

Since only half of the Committee members were present, Mr. Goins asked that an e-mail be sent asking Committee members to submit their score sheets, which would be reviewed before the Board meeting. An item would be placed on the Board's agenda for the selection of additional attorneys to supplement the Board's current list of legal service providers.

New Business:

A. Approval of Legal Invoices (SLFPA-E, OLD, EJLD and LBBLD).

Mr. Jackson offered a motion to approve the legal invoices submitted as of 4/25/09 that were listed on the spreadsheet. The legal invoices were approved by the Committee.

B. Discussion of resolutions to authorize the transfer of jurisdiction and responsibility of the portion of the West Return Wall/Levee Right-of-Way located in St. Charles Parish from Pontchartrain Levee District to SLFPA-E and to transfer said jurisdiction to the East Jefferson Levee District.

Mr. Lacour explained that the proposed resolutions were modeled after resolutions drafted several years ago for the extension of the airport runway into St. Charles Parish. Mutual resolutions will be adopted by the Authority and the Pontchartrain Levee District to allow the construction of the portion of the West Return Wall/Levee project in St. Charles Parish and the Pontchartrain Levee District would be held harmless for the construction and maintenance of the improvements.

The Committee agreed to recommend that the Board approve the resolution.

C. Discussion of extension of legal service contracts.

Mr. Lacour explained that after the Board's first selection of legal service providers, contracts were drafted for a one year term. He requested that the contracts be extended for an indefinite period. The contracts would be cancellable with 30 days' notice and the Authority would remain in control of the assignments that would be tasked to the attorneys. Mr. Lacour advised that he would contact the Attorney General's office concerning the proposed extension of the contracts.

The Committee recommended that the extension of the contracts be placed on the Board's agenda.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 4:28 p.m.