

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON APRIL 12, 2010**

PRESENT: Stradford Goins, Chairman
Thomas Jackson, Committee Member
George Losonsky, Committee Member

The Legal Committee met on April 12, 2010, in the Second Floor Hall, Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana. Chairman Stradford Goins called the meeting to order at 9:55 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The Agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the March 8, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

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

Mr. Goins explained that the Gordon, Arata invoice included charges for legal research for a documentary on the Bohemia Spillway. The documentary was developed to inform and educate the Legislature about the facts and issues concerning the Spillway. Mr. Goins asked did the SLFPA-E have ownership of the documentary. A copy of the contract for the video presentation was obtained and Committee members reviewed the language contained in the contract concerning ownership by the client (SLFPAE).

Mr. Jackson questioned the authorization for legal research that was done on the inclusion of wind turbines in the levee protection system. Mr. Lacour explained that the primary question that needed to be answered was whether the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) had fee title to the land or a servitude for the levee. He had been advised that in the past Mark Hanna had researched this question. Mr. Lacour contacted Mr. Hanna and was advised that the LBBLD had a servitude.

Mr. Losonsky requested additional information on some charges by the McCranie firm. Mr. Lacour explained that research was done on the issues of prescription and abandonment of levee servitudes.

The Committee approved the legal invoices listed on the spreadsheet dated April 12, 2010.

Executive Session:

1. Legal Issues regarding the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

2. Update on status of all pending litigation against the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, Orleans Levee District, East Jefferson Levee District and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

The Committee unanimously adopted a motion at 10:15 a.m. to convene in Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda.

The Committee reconvened in regular session at 11:25 a.m.

Mr. Goins asked that Mr. Lacour render a legal opinion relative to Board members serving on other boards and commissions, in particular, the Mayor's task force and on the Bucktown Marina Advisory Board.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.