

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 5, 2010**

PRESENT: Stephen Estopinal, Chair
Timothy Doody, Committee Member
George Losonsky, Committee Member

The Finance Committee met on August 5, 2010, in the Second Floor Hall of the Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, Louisiana. Chairman Stephen Estopinal called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

Opening Comments: None

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the June 3, 2010 Finance Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Review of SLFPA-E, EJLD, LBBLD and O.L.D. Compliance Questionnaires.

The Committee reviewed the Compliance Questionnaires submitted by the SLFPA-E and levee districts.

Mr. Bollinger pointed out that the Authority and levee districts are unable to provide a positive response under Part IV Laws Affecting Budgeting, since the questionnaire only addresses State agency *budgeting* requirements found under Title 39 of the Revised Statutes (R.S.), which are not applicable to levee districts. Therefore, the response in past years to the questions under Part IV has been “not applicable”. The Compliance Questionnaire is a standard form found on the Legislative Auditor’s web site. Mr. Bollinger requested that the questionnaire form be amended to include a statement (Part IV.D.) that the levee districts comply with the budgeting requirements of RS 38:318(B). R.S. 38:318(B) governs levee districts and provides that fiscal year budgets be submitted to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget. He advised that over time the laws that apply to levee districts have been researched by legal counsel. There are additional compliance requirements that are not covered in the standard questionnaire. However, Mr. Bollinger stated that he was concerned since the form specifically addresses budgeting and wanted the levee districts to be able to state that they do comply with the appropriate governing requirements [R.S. 38:318(B)].

Mr. Estopinal requested that the appropriate wording be drafted and included in all of the questionnaires to present to the Board for review. Mr. Bollinger indicated that the proposed wording was submitted to Robert Lacour, Legal Counsel, for review.

Mr. Losonsky commented that the wording used by the levee districts under question 6 (public services provided) could be made more consistent. He noted that the word "oversight" should be used in lieu of "operation and maintenance" for the services provided by the SLFPA-E. Mr. Doody recommended the verbiage "oversight of the O.L.D., EJLD and LBBLD". Mr. Turner recommended that Mr. Lacour review the act that created the Authority before changing the response under question 6.

Mr. Doody requested that those Board members with cell phone numbers listed on the Compliance Questionnaire attachment be asked whether they wish their cell phone numbers listed.

The Committee members concurred that the Compliance Questionnaires should be forwarded to the Board with the changes discussed.

Mr. Doody asked about the annual audit which is currently taking place. The staffs of the levee districts indicated that the audit thus far is going well.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 8:57 a.m.