

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

PRESENT: Louis Wittie, Chair
David Barnes, Committee Member
Timothy Doody, Committee Member
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member

The Operations Committee met on August 5, 2010 in the Second Floor Hall of the Lake Vista Community Center, 6500 Spanish Fort Blvd., New Orleans, LA. Mr. Wittie called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

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

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of receipt of bids and contract award for Lakefront Linear Park Project. (EJLD)

Fran Campbell, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Executive Director, advised that the Lakefront Linear Park Project has been advertised for public bid. Bids will be opened on August 18 and reviewed by Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. She requested that an item be placed on the agenda for the next Board meeting to award a contract for the project to the lowest responsive bidder. FEMA funding will be used for this rock replacement project. The EJLD will try to work with FEMA on all marine access for the project, as requested by Jefferson Parish, in order to avoid street damage by heavy equipment.

Mr. Estopinal offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Doody and unanimously adopted, to place an item on the Board's agenda to award a contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the Lakefront Linear Park Project.

B. Discussion of increase in architectural fees for Safe House Build-Out. (O.L.D.)

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, explained that Murray Architects has requested an increase in fee for the Safe House Build-Out Project. Initially, the architect's fees were approved based on an estimated project cost of \$923,000. The architect's scope of work was increased and a number of items were added before the project was placed out for bid. Project changes included the

reconfiguration of the EOC area, the elimination of several offices and the addition of the following items: a full service kitchen with a cooler and walk-in freezer, an elevator, a platform and secondary backup generator, HVAC on the mezzanine that is oversized to accommodate future front office needs, a second set of stairs, and a chill water air conditioning system for the first floor. The Board awarded a construction contract of \$2.3 million for the project. The architect's initial fee and the increase in fee are adjusted in accordance with the Louisiana Capital Improvements Project Manual. Ninety percent of the total first design was completed and used. The architect's fee increased from \$109,000 to \$261,000. The first design fee of \$109,000 was subtracted from the second design fee \$278,000 for a proposed increase of \$168,000. Mr. Gillen advised that he reviewed the calculations and recommended approval of the increase in fees. Mr. Murray added that 25 percent of the \$261,000 fee is set aside for construction supervision.

Mr. Estopinal offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Doody and unanimously adopted, to recommend the increase in architectural fees to the Board for approval.

C. Discussion of proposed Task Order for Peer Review of Remedial Work on Outfall Canal Walls.

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, explained that Halcrow, Inc. was requested to provide a proposal for peer review of the remedial work proposed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) for the outfall canal I-walls. A task order was initiated in the amount of \$41,160 so that Halcrow could start the work, including meeting with the USACE and obtaining documentation for review. Halcrow reviewed the level of effort required for the process and submitted a proposal for a second task order to complete the peer review at a not-to-exceed cost of \$309,060. Work associated with the second task order started on July 19th. The not-to-exceed amount of the first task order was not used up before July 19th. Five-sixths of the total cost of the peer review will be allocated to the Orleans Levee District and one-sixth allocated to the East Jefferson Levee District.

Mr. Doody commented that this peer review is an outgrowth of the work performed by Dr. Bachus and Dr. Martin at the request of the SLFPA-E relative to the safe water elevations. Instead of doing work to substantiate safe water elevations that had been determined for each of the outfall canals, the USACE has decided to design a safe water elevation condition of +8-ft. for each of the outfall canals. The SLFPA-E wants to be assured that the USACE has enough information and will be taking the appropriate remedial actions. This issue has previously been discussed by the Board.

Mr. Turner added that Halcrow will be using all of the information contained in the safe water elevation reports compiled thus far by Black and Veach. A considerable amount of time will be expended obtaining the background and information required for the review of the design calculations.

A motion was offered by Mr. Doody, seconded by Mr. Barnes and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve a task order in an amount not-to-exceed \$309,060 with Halcrow, Inc. for the peer review.

D. Discussion of proposed Task Order for an Operations and Maintenance Study for EJLD, O.L.D. and LBBLD.

Mr. Turner explained that in anticipation of the significant increase in operations and maintenance (O&M) costs associated with the flood protection system improvements currently being constructed, AECOM was requested to provide a proposal for an O&M Study for each of the levee districts. A cost proposal (\$119,528.20 for the Orleans Levee District, \$139,431.60 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and \$109,835.90 for the East Jefferson Levee District) and scope of work was provided for each levee district. The work will be billed in accordance with the ID-IQ contract rates. He requested that the Committee recommend approval of a task order with AECOM with the stated not-to-exceed costs.

Mr. Doody commented that this task order is an outgrowth of Board discussions about the larger improved system that when completed will be much more costly to maintain. The levee districts will need strong support if they are required to go to the taxpayers to request an increase in millage revenues to operate and maintain the system.

Mr. Estopinal offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Doody and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve a task order with AECOM for the O&M Study.

LEVEE DISTRICT REPORTS:

East Jefferson Levee District: Ms. Campbell reviewed the highlights of the EJLD monthly status report (copy appended).

There was a brief discussion concerning USACE contractors not mowing grass at the appropriate height on some of the levee raising projects and the resulting problems. Jerry Colletti with the USACE advised that he would take this information back to the USACE Construction Division.

Orleans Levee District: Mr. Gillen reviewed the highlights of the O.L.D. monthly status report (copy appended).

Mr. Gillen commented that Shelter No. 3 was demolished due to the lakefront levee enlargement project. The Director of the O.L.D. Non-Flood Assets Division has been requested to have a new shelter designed so that the information can be provided to the USACE for funding the construction.

Mr. Gillen advised that he received notice from Sandy Rosenthal that a historic marker will be placed at the site of the 17th Street Canal breach. Ms. Rosenthal has received approval for the marker from the Louisiana Historic Committee through the Lieutenant Governor's office. Mr. Doody added that Ms. Rosenthal advised that she has received approval for the marker from the City of New Orleans pending notification of the adjacent property owner.

Mr. Colletti questioned whether the placement of a historic marker could potentially impact any future levee/floodwall work at that location. Mr. Doody requested that Robert Lacour, Legal Counsel, review this issue.

Lake Borgne Basin Levee District: Stuart Williamson, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the LBBLD monthly status report (copy appended).

The rate of production at LPV 146 was discussed. Notice to proceed with LPV 145 and LPV 146 were issued to the contractors at about the same time; however, the production rates have been lower on LPV 146. The USACE requested the contractor for LPV 146 not to get behind on the curve. Mr. Williamson stated that he visited the site (LPV 146) yesterday and more crews appeared to be working on the project.

Mr. Williamson advised that the LBBLD will present a resolution to the Board for the approval of the selection of the firm Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, Inc., to prepare plans and specifications for the remote control of pump stations Nos. 2 and 3.

Mr. Doody reported that emergency operations were initiated for Hurricane Bonnie, which included conference calls that included representatives from the CPRA, USACE, the U.S. Coast Guard and the S&WB.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:35 a.m.