

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 12, 2013**

PRESENT: Paul Tilly, Chair  
Kelly McHugh, Committee Member  
Timothy Doody, Committee Member  
Stephen Estopinal, Non-Committee Member

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The Finance Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on December 12, 2013, in Meeting Room 221, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Tilly called the meeting to order at 8:40 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** Mr. Tilly noted that this would be his first meeting as Chair of the Finance Committee.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was adopted by the Committee.

**Approval of Minutes:** The Committee approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on November 7, 2013.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of renewal of O.L.D. Health Care, Dental and Vision Plans.**

Carol Kiefer, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Safety-Risk Manager, explained that last year the O.L.D. elected to secure healthcare coverage with the Office of Group Benefits (OGB). The premium increase under OGB is 2.4 percent. The premium contribution increased slightly for employees without Medicare and decreased for employees with Medicare. Several quotes were received with varying options for Dental Coverage. Crescent Dental has been the O.L.D.'s carrier for the past 17 years. The quote received from Crescent Dental was slightly higher than the other quotes; however, the benefits under the Crescent Dental Plan are better and more responsive to employee needs. Therefore, the O.L.D. recommended renewal of the Crescent Dental Plan. United Health Care provided a three year guaranteed rate for Vision Coverage; therefore, coverage will be renewed at the same rate for the upcoming third year of the plan. Dental and Vision Coverages are for active employees only.

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the O.L.D.'s health care coverage with OGB, Dental Coverage with Crescent Dental and Vision Coverage with United Health Care.

**B. Discussion of renewal of the following insurance coverages for the EJLD:  
Property Insurance, Inland Marine Insurance, Law Enforcement Liability Insurance, Worker's Comp Insurance, Pollution Insurance and Accident Policy.**

Hardie Edgecombe with Arthur J. Gallagher Risk Management Services, Inc. recommended renewal of the following coverages for the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD):

- Property Insurance – All coverages and limits will remain the same. Allianz offered to renew coverage with a slight increase in premium (expiring premium \$14,891 - renewal premium \$15,642).
- Inland Marine Insurance – Allianz offered to renew coverage at a flat rate; however, new equipment was added to increase the coverage limit (expiring premium \$14,830 - renewal premium \$15,300).
- Law Enforcement Liability Insurance – The Darwin Group offered to renew coverage with the same deductible and limits. There is a slight increase in premium due to loss experience in the law enforcement field (expiring premium \$31,869.60 - renewal premium \$33,406.50).
- Workers Comp – The LWCC rate increased due to the increase in the EJLD's emod from 1.11 to 1.32. The estimated annual premium is \$193,199.
- Accident Policy for reserve officers – The premium increased from \$1,200 to \$1,264 due to the inclusion of an additional officer.
- Pollution Insurance – Allied World offered to renew coverage with a slight increase in premium (expiring premium \$10,570 - renewal premium \$10,584).

Mr. Turner advised that a letter was received from LWCC regarding the settlement of one of the EJLD's Workers' Comp claims.

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the aforementioned coverages for the EJLD.

**C. Discussion of renewal of the following insurance coverages for the LBBLD:  
Worker's Compensation Insurance and Pollution Insurance.**

Mr. Edgecombe recommended the renewal of the following coverages for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD).

- Workers Comp – The LWCC premium rate decreased due to the decrease in the LBBLD's emod from .91 to .88. The estimated annual premium is \$74,732.
- Pollution Insurance – Allied World offered to renew coverage with a reduction in the premium rate (expiring premium \$16,399 - renewal premium \$15,723).

The Finance Committee recommended that the Board approve the renewal of the aforementioned coverages for the LBBLD.

**D. Discussion of private properties needed for the EJLD Safehouse & Consolidated Facility.**

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Fran Campbell, EJLD Executive Director, advised that six private properties must be acquired, along with the property to be acquired from the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, for the construction of the EJLD Safehouse and Consolidated Facility. The private properties were initially appraised, but had to be reappraised due to a lapse in time and a second appraisal needed to be obtained. Ms. Campbell reviewed the appraisals received thus far. The EJLD would pay the higher of the appraised values. Several of the properties may need to be expropriated due to the successions involved or in order to clear the title. The total estimated cost of the private properties is \$700,000. The airport property was initially estimated at \$1,350,000; however, several errors were discovered during the title search and the cost must be adjusted.

Mr. Lacour advised that the EJLD can submit offers to the property owners to purchase the required properties with the offers being subject to Board approval.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:07 a.m.