

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

PRESENT: Louis Wittie, Chair  
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member  
Paul Tilly, Committee Member

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on November 6, 2014, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Wittie called the meeting to order at 9:20 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

**Adoption of Agenda:** The agenda was approved as presented.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the October 2, 2014 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

**Public Comments:**

Craig Berthold commented that he noticed that one of the Committee's agenda items is the discussion of the issuance of a task order to the surveying firm of Dading, Marques. He advised that he provided Dading, Marques with information relative to the property in litigation along the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal and was advised that Ordinance No. 3130 does not affect or apply to any of the properties fronting on Bellaire Drive.

**New Business:**

**A. Discussion of the issuance of a task order to URS in the amount of \$59,080.75 for the preparation of plans and specifications for the removal of valve pits in the flood side of the NASA/NOPSI Levee on the west side of the Michoud Canal. (O.L.D.)**

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Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, advised that the O.L.D. is attempting to determine the identity of the entity responsible for the removal of five abandoned deteriorating valve pits on the floodside of the NASA/NOPSI Levee that were formerly used for overflow from an old Sewerage and Water Board pump station. The O.L.D. is also securing information from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) concerning the method to be used to seal the valve pits.

**B. Discussion of the award of a contract to perform roadway repairs in the vicinity of floodgate EB-15. (O.L.D.)**

Mr. Gillen advised that bids were solicited from six contractors for roadway repairs in the vicinity of floodgate EB-15; however, only one bid was received from Cycle Construction in the amount of \$65,000. The required roadway repairs are located within the 15-ft. right-of-way located on Port of New Orleans property. Deteriorated spots of the roadway within the right-of-way are causing vehicular traffic to impact the floodgate sill. The O.L.D. approached the Port for financial assistance for the repairs; however, no response has been received. The O.L.D. must proceed with the roadway repairs in order to prevent damage to the floodgate sill. A Cooperative Endeavor Agreement (CEA) will be needed with the Port should an agreement be reached on a cost share.

The Committee concurred that a recommendation be submitted to the Board to authorize the award of the contract to Cycle Construction and the execution of a CEA with the Port of New Orleans should an agreement be reached concerning the cost share.

**C. Discussion of the issuance of a contract to RCL Architecture, LLC for the study, design and construction administration for a new Police Building. (O.L.D.)**

Mr. Gillen explained that the Board adopted a resolution at its October 20<sup>th</sup> meeting approving the selection of RCL Architecture, LLC for the study, design and construction administration for a new Police building and to authorize negotiations with the firm. A proposal was received for a study to consider four proposed sites. Information developed on the four sites will be brought to the Board for the selection of a site. He recommended proceeding with the execution of a contract with RCL Architecture and the issuance of a task order under the contract for the site study phase at a cost of \$14,000. The contract would contain verbiage stating that the fees for the option that is selected would be in accordance with the State of Louisiana Office of Facility Planning and Control Fee Curve for the design and construction management. Three of the sites under consideration are owned by the O.L.D. and the fourth site (located adjacent to the Elysian Fields traffic circle) is under the control of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority (NFPAMA).

Wilma Heaton, SLFPA-E Director of Governmental Affairs, advised that the NFPAMA adopted a resolution stating that control of the Elysian Fields site would be turned over to the SLFPA-E exclusively for the construction of the Police building should the Board select the site. RCL Architecture will be provided data concerning the SLFPA-E current lease for office space in order to determine whether it would be advantageous to include office space for the SLFPA-E at the Elysian Fields site. A request has been submitted for Louisiana Capital Outlay funding for a portion of cost to construct the project at the Elysian Fields site should it be selected.

The Committee concurred with the presentation of a resolution to the Board for the execution of the contract with RCL Architect, LLC as stated.

**D. Discussion of the issuance of a task order to Dading, Marques to establish right-of-way along the IHNC East Bank from the Almonaster Bridge to past the Elaine Street Wharf. (O.L.D.)**

Mr. Gillen advised that the Port of New Orleans is interested in leasing property in the area and requested that the SLFPA-E issue a task order under one of its ID-IQ contracts in order to establish the right-of-way line along the IHNC East Bank from the Almonaster Bridge to past the Elaine Street Wharf. The cost of the survey is \$9,950. The Port has agreed to share the cost of the survey (50% split) and a CEA will be required.

The Committee concurred that a resolution be presented to the Board for the execution of a CEA with the Port of New Orleans and the issuance of the task order to Dading, Marques.

**Levee District Reports: (copy appended to minutes)**

**A. Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) Status Report:**  
Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, reviewed the highlights of the HSDRRS status report.

Stevan Spencer, SLFPA-E Regional Chief Engineer, provided an update on armoring for the HSDRRS. He advised that he and Mr. Turner met with Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) representatives regarding levee heights in the Orleans and East Jefferson Levee Districts. The CPRA determined that there are discrepancies in certain areas and that additional data is required. A scope of work was developed by Linfield, Hunter and Junius for a survey along the East Jefferson Lakefront Levee from the West Return Wall to the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal to confirm the levee height. Additional CPT tests will be conducted along the lakefront levee and other areas to confirm shear strengths. Consideration is being given to the issuance of a task order for surveying services in order to mitigate the low areas along the East Jefferson Lakefront Levee. LPV 108 (Paris Road to Southpoint) is being looked at to determine whether the levee should be raised prior to armoring. Mr. Turner added that the CPRA collected elevation data from several sources on the centerline profile of the levees, including high resolution 3-D aerial photography accomplished in 2011 and a profile that was run using GPS. The data collected by the CPRA is being compared with the survey data provided with the USACE's Notification of Contract Completion. The CPRA is attempting to verify that the projects that the USACE will be armoring at this time are at the proper elevation. The elevation of the other projects will be compared to the elevations taken three to four years ago to determine whether the settlement is tracking with the USACE's consolidation curves. The estimated cost for raising certain levees located in the O.L.D. and East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) is \$40 million. The SLFPA-E is considering utilizing one of its ID-IQ contracts for project management and separate engineering contracts for engineering services for the various reaches. The USACE is looking for assurance from the CPRA and SLFPA-E that the work will be progressing.

The surveys and project management work will be closely coordinated with the CPRA. Mr. Spencer noted that the USACE's estimated cost for armoring is \$200 million.

**B. Police Activities:** Robert Garner, SLFPA-E Police Superintendent, provided a report on levee district police activities during the past month: levee district police officers worked over 1,600 hours, including 380 hours by reserve officers; 31 arrests were made; 370 proactive complaints were handled and 203 complaints were dispatched; over 100 levee conditions were reported; and 139 vehicle checks and 135 pedestrian checks were conducted. EJLD police officers participated in the night out against crime. Levee district police officers participated in the recovery of two drowning victims.

**C. Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD):** Nick Cali, LBBLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the LBBLD status report. He advised that Conhagen has confirmed that the replacement turbocharger for Pump Station No. 4 has been assembled, tested and will be shipped next week. Installation and testing should be completed in early December.

**D. Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.):** Gerry Gillen, O.L.D. Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the O.L.D. status report. The O.L.D.'s 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary will be in 2015 and the District anticipates doing a small public awareness campaign.

**E. East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD):** Fran Campbell, EJLD Executive Director, reviewed the highlights of the EJLD status report. She noted that documents relative to the proposed safehouse and consolidated facilities are being revised to eliminate the westernmost lots and a corrected package will be submitted to the City of Kenner.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:20 a.m.