

**MINUTES OF  
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST  
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON DECEMBER 15, 2016**

PRESENT: G. Paul Kemp, Chair  
Clay Cosse', Committee Member  
Herbert I. Miller, Committee Member  
Mark L. Morgan, Committee Member

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The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on December 15, 2016, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana. Mr. Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

**Opening Comments:** None.

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

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the meeting of November 17, 2016 were approved.

**Public Comments:** None.

**New Business:**

**A. Update on the proposed EJLD Safehouse and Consolidated Facility Project.**

Derek Boese, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Executive Director, advised that a more in depth discussion would be provided next month on the Safehouse and Consolidated Facility Project. He explained that the project originally commenced in 2009 and that a decision was made last year, upon the recommendation of the SLFPA-E Regional Director Robert Turner and himself, to start the project over. The costs of the original project had grown to \$24+ million. A new architect was retained and the final design of the new project is almost completed. An independent cost estimate draft in the range of \$11 million to \$12 million is currently under review. He stated that he was confident that the EJLD will have an excellent product that fits its needs, but is not excessive. The old fire station facility, water tank, street network and any other structures on the property must be demolished. The EJLD is close to being able to do the pile load testing and is in the process of obtain the necessary permits. The project will be ready to advertise for construction within the next few months. The EJLD currently has an arrangement with Ochsner to safehouse employees during a storm event.

**B. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the demolition of the former Food Bank facility in preparation for the construction of the EJLD Safehouse and Consolidated Facility in Kenner.**

Mr. Boese explained that the demolition project was not advertised since the estimated cost was approximately \$100,000. Five demolition companies were requested to submit a bid. A mandatory pre-bid meeting was held and representations of only three companies attended. Two companies submitted bids. Durr's bid of \$116,000 was deemed by the architect to be non-responsive because the firm failed to include a required form. He recommended that Hard Rock Construction be awarded a contract for the project and stated that Hard Rock Construction's bid of \$120,253 is reasonable.

Mr. Morgan pointed out that State bid laws require projects over \$150,000 to be publicly advertised for bid. He supported the award of the bid as recommended.

**C. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract in the amount of \$53,600 to Cycle Construction Company, LLC, for the 17<sup>th</sup> St. Canal Levee Repair Project.**

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, advised that bids were requested for the project and that the lowest responsive bidder was Cycle Construction in the amount of \$53,600. The project consists of surface work on the protected side of the 17<sup>th</sup> Street Canal Levee where there has been difficulty growing grass. He stated that the in house estimate was \$53,000 and recommended that the contract be awarded to Cycle Construction.

**D. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract in the amount of \$55,350 to Anders Construction, Inc., for the Construction of a Boat Launch at the IHNC Surge Barrier.**

Mr. Gillen advised that bids were requested for the project and four firms responded. O.L.D. employees must access the structure by boat on about a weekly basis and the boat launch is needed for safety purposes. He recommended that a contract in the amount of \$55,350 be awarded to Anders Construction for the project.

**E. Discussion of the proposed amendment of Task Order No. 5 under the contract with Tetra Tech, Inc. for work in connection with the new protection alignment in the area of the Shrimp and Soap Factories on the Violet Canal required for the certification of the Forty Arpent Levee in order to increase the not to exceed amount of the task order to \$186,923 (an increase of \$52,730) to provide for the additional required work.**

Nick Cali, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) Executive Director, explained that the increase to the task order is for additional required work. A number of changes have been made to the alignment in order to accommodate one of the land owners and an amicable solution has been reached. The increase allows the completion of construction drawings and brings the consultant's work through Phases I and II of the

project. He recommended that the Board approve the increase of \$186,923 to Task Order No. 5.

Mr. Morgan questioned some of Tetra Tech's rates as being high. Mr. Turner responded that some of the rates in the Tetra Tech contract are high, particularly on the high end, such as the principal and vice principals; however, the hours for these particular individuals are generally low. He explained that he spoke with Mr. Miller regarding the negotiation of rates on the new Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity Contracts and that the Authority is contemplating using the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's (CPRA) rate schedule. A potential next step could be the use of audited overhead rates as used by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD).

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