

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2011**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (Authority or SLFPA-E) was held on Thursday, April 21, 2011, in the Second Floor Council Chambers, Joseph Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Boulevard, Harahan, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Doody called the meeting to order at 9:40 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

PRESENT:

Timothy P. Doody, President
John M. Barry, Vice President
Louis E. Wittie, Secretary
Stephen Estopinal, Treasurer
David P. Barnes, Jr.
Thomas L. Jackson
George Losonsky, PhD
Ricardo S. Pineda

ABSENT:

Stradford A. Goins

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mr. Doody advised that he and Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, attended a meeting of the Metairie Road Business Owners Association yesterday to provide an overview of the flood protection projects. Association members had questions on the meaning of 100-year protection and 500-year resiliency. The Association hopes to include a presentation by the SLFPA-E in a town hall meeting program in July. He also advised that the National Committee on Levee Safety (NCLS) met in New Orleans several weeks ago and toured the area. Mr. Doody, Mr. Pineda and Mr. Jackson attended the NCLS meeting in which a broad cross section of the population was represented and provided their opinions and views.

Mr. Doody reported that he, Mr. Barry and Mr. Turner attended the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Annual Spring Meeting in Washington, D.C. Meetings were held with Senator Landrieu, Senator Vitter, Representative Scalise, an aide of Representative Landry, and a number of U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) representatives including Maj. Gen. William T. Grisoli, Deputy Commanding General, Civil and Emergency Operations, and Steven Stockton, Director of Civil Works. The primary request discussed in Washington concerned the authorization for the USACE to take over the operation and maintenance (O&M) of the IHNC surge barrier. The USACE is willing to take on this responsibility, but not without additional funding for the

responsibility. The SLFPA-E representatives were told that there would be no earmarks this year. An earmark is defined as anything that is not in the President's budget. The O&M of the IHNC surge barrier is considered an earmark. Mr. Doody explained that Mr. Barry has pressed the SLFPA-E's request to his contacts in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). The Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) is of national interest and stretches from Florida to Texas. The GIWW was constructed for national defense during World War II.

Mr. Doody advised that he and Sheila Grissett, SLFPA-E Special Assistant to the Regional Director, attended a meeting at the U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) to review the regulations and navigation rules for the upcoming hurricane season. The SLFPA-E is working closely with the USCG to ensure that the SLFPA-E's concerns and issues are understood. Vessels will be allowed to remain in the IHNC this year with the USCG's approval, an approved mooring plan and a tug boat on standby to shepherd any barges or vessels that may break free during an event. The USCG must also understand the potential water levels that could be reached due to overtopping in a 100-year event so that this information can be provided to vessel operators as they prepare mooring plans.

Mr. Doody stated that he and Mr. Turner met with Robert Lupo, Chairman of the Non-Flood Asset Management Authority (Non-Flood Authority), and Louis Capo, Director of Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Non-Flood Assets. It was learned at that meeting that the Non-Flood Authority eliminated funding for half of the O.L.D. Police Department (OLDPD) for the upcoming fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2011. Mr. Doody advised that he named a committee to review the O.L.D. Flood Division's needs for a police presence as discussed at last month's Board meeting. The committee was asked to review and define the mission of the OLDPD, examine the challenges, design a force to meet the levee district's needs within funding limitations and make recommendations to the SLFPA-E Board that it can act upon. He anticipated that the committee would have a report and limited recommendations for the Board at its next meeting. Mr. Lupo had advised that even with the elimination of the expense of the police department that the Non-Flood Authority will still incur an annual deficit of \$700,000, which is roughly the cost of operating and maintaining Lakeshore Drive and the adjacent parks. Mr. Doody advised that the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which lists Lakeshore Drive and the parks as non-flood assets, will also be reviewed by the committee. He explained that if this area serves a flood protection purpose, the Flood Protection Division would have a duty to operate and maintain it. He stated that the land in front of the levee may serve a flood protection purpose similar to land usage in the Netherlands.

Mr. Doody commented that the regular session of the Legislature begins next week. A bill has been filed by Representative Tim Burns seeking a legislative mandate for the O.L.D. to pay the Haspel-Davis judgment. He explained that the Orleans Levee Board had reached a settlement offer with the plaintiffs before Hurricane Katrina in an amount of approximately \$10 million, which would have been funded by the sale of a bond issue to be approved by the voters in an election in September, 2005. Katrina changed the ability of the O.L.D. to raise those funds; however, the SLFPA-E Board was willing to try to work out a similar payoff with the plaintiffs earlier in its tenure at the advice of the Office of the Attorney General. The SLFPA-E's request for a similar settlement of \$10

million was denied in a meeting with the representatives of the plaintiffs and the reason given was that State was now involved and the State has money. It seems as though these plaintiffs now seek a legislative mandate for the payment of this judgment, which is counter to public policy.

Mr. Doody advised that recently a request by the USACE for a right-of-entry (ROE) related to the construction of the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps project (PCCP) was sent in error to the Non-Flood Division. In its meeting last Friday the Non-Flood Authority's Real Estate Committee considered the request, posed questions to the USACE and determined to take the request to its Board for action. Mr. Doody advised that after learning of this error he requested and received advice of counsel concerning the appropriate entity to consider the request and issue the ROE. In accordance with the advice received, an item was placed on the SLFPA-E Board agenda relative to the ROE request. Doody explained that shortly after the item was placed on the agenda he was copied on an e-mail sent by Robert Lupo stating that the Non-Flood Authority would seek an injunction against any proposed action that may be taken by the SLFPA-E Board. Therefore, an item was placed on the agenda to discuss this matter in Executive Session. Any action taken by the Board on the ROE will be discussed openly upon return from Executive Session and would be voted upon at that time.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

The agenda was amended to include a presentation by the Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation of the LWCC Safest 70 Award to the Orleans Levee District. A motion was offered by Mr. Barnes, seconded by Mr. Barry and unanimously approved by roll call vote to adopt the amended agenda.

Mr. Losonsky suggested that the Board consider a resolution to provide consistency and simple procedures for the reimbursement of travel expenses. After a brief discussion, this matter was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration and for the development of a recommendation.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-01 - APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On the motion of Mr. Barnes,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the minutes of the Board Meeting held on March 17, 2011.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Goins

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Robert Lupo, Chairman of the Non-Flood Assets Management Authority, stated that the Non-Flood Authority did not have a hidden agenda on the issues that have recently come up and that it is just trying to protect the rights and properties of the people it understood to be under their authority. He explained that the Non-Flood Division Executive Director was brought a letter on April 11th by Larry Marino requesting right of access to properties described as parks and green spaces. The MOU provides that parks and green spaces come under the auspices of the Non-Flood Authority. Therefore, the Non-Flood Authority requested that the USACE attend a meeting in order to answer some basic questions to safeguard the interests of the community. A copy of the questions delivered to the USACE was provided to the Commissioners. The USACE advised at the meeting that it could not answer the questions. Therefore, rather than deny the request for ROE, the USACE was requested to attend the Non-Flood Authority Board meeting, which was to take place in less than a week, and provide the answers to the questions posed so that the Non-Flood Authority could correctly exercise its rights and responsibilities as stewards of the property. Mr. Lupo stated that he noticed as the SLFPA-E Board agenda changed that there was some disagreement or lack of clarity as to which entity was responsible for this property. The Non-Flood Authority is waiting to see what action is taken by the SLFPA-E Board. If the SLFPA-E Board takes action, the Non-Flood Authority will look for clarification so that in going forward it will understand which properties are under its responsibility. He explained that in the future the SLFPA-E could potentially decide to take a piece of property for flood protection that was developed with taxpayers' money and that the obligations to the people who invest in the property should be made known.

Mr. Doody commented that the SLFPA-E's mandate and focus is flood protection and that this Board will continue to try to do its job with the best interest of this community and the City of New Orleans at heart. He added that in the future he would try to have better communication between the two authorities. Mr. Lupo noted that he and Mr. Doody discussed the appropriateness of a joint committee that would meet periodically or when necessary to discuss issues as they arise. Mr. Barry commented on the gubernatorial working group that was of one mind which met before the Non-Flood Authority was established. He pointed out that the MOU indicates that the SLFPA-E is the entity responsible for dealing with flood protection and for any permitting involving the USACE. Mr. Lupo reiterated that the letter was brought to the Non-Flood Division; therefore, the Non-Flood Authority assumed it came under its purview.

Stradford Goins addressed the Board and pointed out certain joints in the IHNC surge barrier gate in a picture that he showed. He expressed his concern about whether the joints were designed the way they were built into the gate or whether something happened in the fabrication. He also commented on the gate's diagonal braces. He then showed a picture of the Bayou Bienvenue lift gate and commented on the stub columns and tie-in to the horizontal trusses. Mr. Goins added that he was still trying to obtain the results of the storm surge model in order to look at the assumptions.

Robert Jacobsen with Taylor Engineering (Taylor) advised that a Task Order was issued to Taylor to review the USACE surge studies. Complete documentation of the USACE's approach to the development of the storm surge estimates will be provided along with recommendations to the Board for future improvements to such modeling. He stated that he would discuss the status of this effort with Mr. Goins. He added that the USACE is currently reviewing through an addendum some of the calculations with respect to overtopping and is doing a final assessment for residual risks. He pointed out that the ultimate goal of the task order is to define what has been done, how some of the methodologies have evolved and what the Board may wish to undertake in the future as additional analysis.

Mr. Jackson commented that the SLFPA-E relies on the USACE to provide design and construction management; however, the USACE does not stand responsible or liable for what is done. The SLFPA-E must make judgments in terms of which of the USACE'S designs or actions that it will pay a consulting firm to evaluate. These judgments must also take costs into consideration. The Board has relied on issues brought to the Engineering Advisory Committee through various individuals. He suggested that a consultant be hired to review the issues brought up concerning the gates and pointed out that this recommendation would become official if approved by the Engineering Advisory Committee. He further recommended that the installation of the gates not be held up.

Mr. Goins commented that the water level in the IHNC could go higher than 8-ft. in an event greater than the 100-year storm surge. Mr. Doody explained that he ensured that the USCG understood that the 8-ft. level was for a one percent event and that, in fact, the water level could rise to elevation 13-ft. and that none of the walls in the interior section were designed for marine impact loading. The need for a good mooring plan and for standby vessels in the event of a breakaway was stressed to the USCG.

Mr. Goins inquired about the implications should the storm surge analysis show that USACE's information was incorrect. Mr. Jackson responded that the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) is the signatory to the agreement with the USACE. There is no official agreement between the SLFPA-E and the USACE. The disagreement relative to the corrosion issue concerning the St. Bernard T-walls is still under consideration and a formal protest was made by the CPRA. Any findings on the issue of the storm surge analysis would have to be provided to the CPRA. He added that the SLFPA-E tasked a consultant to evaluate all of the design calculations on the remediation along the outfall canals and the calculations within very small parameters have been confirmed. A meeting is being scheduled with the USACE concerning other outfall canal issues.

Capt. Brock Schmidt, USACE Officer-in-Charge for Orleans Parish, advised that the USACE would provide a copy of the gate designs and shop drawings to the SLFPA-E. Mr. Jackson commented that an open relationship has been established and that the USACE has been cooperative on other issues that the SLFPA-E has reviewed. Capt. Schmidt explained that the USACE has Quality Assurance (QA) inspectors in different regions of the country and that the New Orleans District coordinates with the inspectors

in those divisions for site inspections where the gates are fabricated. The USACE is in the process of obtaining as-built drawings for the gates that will be a part of the completion process for turn over to the SLFPA-E and the Orleans Levee District.

Mr. Pineda indicated that with the potential development of information in response to issues being brought up on the storm surge modeling that had been done, he hoped that the SLFPA-E does not allow scope creep such that there will not be funds left within the task order to do the component relative to the 500-year profile. He stressed the importance of the ability to look at a 500-year level compared to the 100-year level.

Mr. Jacobsen explained that the USACE recently shared some work in progress as part of its armoring task review. This review includes a look at the estimate of the 500-year overtopping rate along the system at the 50 percentile of confidence limit. The USACE is continuing to refine this estimate, which is a revisiting of estimates done in the 2007 elevation document using the as-built or as-designed conditions. There are different overtopping rates throughout the system because of a number of different technical aspects. In theory the system should roughly be designed for equivalent overtopping rates at the 100-year level (the design criteria). However, different parts of the system are exposed to different levels of waves versus still water heights. Therefore, there are different levels of freeboard with respect to the 500-year rate. Mr. Jacobsen stated that Taylor will identify the potential increases in height that may be necessary to raise all of the system to a similar 500-year overtopping rate principally based on the analysis being done under Nancy Powell, Head of the USACE's New Orleans District Hydraulics and Hydrology Division. Much of the system will have reasonable overtopping rate levels. The USACE is trying to prioritize armoring decisions. SLFPA-E representatives have been attending the USACE's armoring meetings.

Mr. Barry noted that the 100-year level of protection and 500-year resiliency is still very poor and confirms the necessity for coastal restoration.

Mr. Jacobsen agreed that the current levels are not sufficient. He stated that he would provide an analysis from the 100-year level to the next step. He cautioned that overtopping rates in and of themselves are not significantly threatening in terms of volumes of water coming in with respect to the level of rainfall and pumping capacity. The residual risk analysis will illustrate that overtopping at the 500-year level without structural failure in most cases would result in a scenario that produces property damage. Structural failures that result in breaches will produce catastrophic loss. The residual risk for catastrophic failure and breaches is a key issue. The polder study will look at scenarios of further compartmentalization. The Board will have to make very difficult and critical decisions about where to place the limited resources.

Mr. Jackson commented that the outfall canals will be inside of the USACE's hurricane protection line along the lakefront and will not be subject to tidal surge unless there is a complete failure at the lakefront. The USACE has been constructing considerable remediation along the 17th Street, Orleans and London Avenue Outfall Canal levees and floodwalls in order to provide a safe water elevation (SWE) of +8-ft. in the canals. The SLFPA-E tasked its consultant charged with reviewing the USACE's remediation

designs to determine spots along the levees/floodwalls that would reach the point of imminent failure should the water levels in the canals rise above the SWE of +8-ft. It was found that this level was about +10-ft. depending on location along the canal. The SLFPA-E is attempting to meet with the USACE and New Orleans Sewerage & Water Board (S&WB) because the levees/floodwalls along the outfall canals are 12 to 12.5 ft. in height. The USACE has taken the position that it will not participate in lowering the height of the levees/floodwalls because of political reasons. He stated that in order to truly protect the public the levees/floodwalls should be lowered or beefed up so that they will contain water to their top. Mr. Doody reminded everyone that the official position of the Board is that it supports Option 2 or gravity flow. Mr. Jackson added that the SLFPA-E requested that the Permanent Pump Stations accommodate the pumps and lower sill necessary for Option 2 should that option be funded in the future. After a number of meetings the USACE met the accommodations requested. The SLFPA-E was able to get the USACE to evaluate and beef up the internal levees along the three outfall canals and the existing levees along the Industrial Canal.

Mr. Losonsky advised a meeting is being scheduled with the USACE to allow them an opportunity to explain their position on the structural issues concerning the gates.

Constandinos Vennis, a resident of New Orleans, thanked the Board for its leadership, commitment of time and efforts. He commented that according to his tax bill more money goes to the Orleans Levee District than to the NOPD or Fire Department. He expressed his frustration about the layoff of 15 OLDPD officers and the lack of grass maintenance. He stated that after Hurricane Katrina there was a rush to put certain things together and difficulties developed. He encouraged the SLFPA-E and Non-Flood Assets Management Authority to work together and find common sense solutions. He cited an example of having an employee cut the grass on the levee and the grass in the adjacent park being subcontracted for maintenance. Mr. Vennis stressed that all of the current OLDPD officers are needed to provide security for the 100+ miles of levee, 200+ floodgates, 170+ valves and several flood structures, and to help close the system when necessary. He stated that he wanted fiscal responsibility; however, the security of the taxpayers' assets is not something that should be cut. He invited the Board members to visit the lakefront this weekend.

Ariana Ybarra, a resident of New Orleans, inquired about the access road constructed on a Chalmette levee (LPV 145) and expressed concern about the environmental footprint of the road. Mr. Doody explained that the SLFPA-E has expressed its concerns to the USACE about the environmental impact and the cost to operate and maintain the access road (LPV 145) that was built by the contractor to accommodate construction equipment. The SLFPA-E is working with the USACE to try to minimize the footprint of the access road.

Mr. Pineda commented on integrated flood risk management, which incorporates multiple objectives into flood risk management, including water quality, water supply, aesthetics, recreation and open space.

Freddy Yoder, Vice President of the Lakeview Civic Improvement Association and a member of various other associations, thanked the Board for its hard work and efforts. He explained that his concerns about the elimination in the budget of the OLDPD officers and maintenance were expressed to the Non-Flood Assets Board. He stated that he had several documents which established the O.L.D., the responsibilities given the O.L.D. through resolution and legislative act, transferred the title of certain properties to the O.L.D. with an outline of the responsibilities that went with the transfer, and that established the millage voted upon by the people of Orleans Parish. He commented that Orleans Parish property taxes are probably the highest in the State. The millage passed by the citizens of Orleans Parish was to be used for a number of different things—primarily flood protection. He stated that the millage was to be used for about 12 other items listed in the resolution and that some of these items concern the OLDPD officers and park maintenance that was cut from the Non-Flood Authority budget. He stated that he did not want to see deviation from commitments made through legislation and resolution. He stated that the millage was voted in with the expectation that all of the things listed in the resolutions would be maintained. He asked that the SLFPA-E Board reinstate the OLDPD officers and the park maintenance. Mr. Doody responded that his understanding was that the projects listed as the subject of the millage referendum were constructed. He asked that Mr. Yoder provide any further information that he had on the subject of the on-going operation of the police department in the referendum. Mr. Yoder responded that, in addition to the projects listed, the responsibilities for maintenance and protection are listed in the resolution.

Robert Druant, a member of the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District, commented that the difficulties currently faced are the result of a rush to create a perfect entity in an imperfect situation. Many of the obligations cross over the two boards. He stated that after Katrina the Board strived to get the USACE to accept the seawall, Lakeshore Drive and the lakefront park area as integral parts of the flood protection system. He stated that the OLDPD officers are needed not only to provide security along Lakeshore Drive, but also to assist with the operation of the flood protection system. He added that the current number of officers (30) is not adequate. Three floodgates are about to be constructed and adequate police protection is needed. He stated that 13 percent of all Third District calls, primarily related to Lakeshore Drive, are handled by the OLDPD. He stated that the maintenance of Lakeshore Drive is also a critical element.

Mr. Doody requested Gerry Gillen, O.L.D. Executive Director, to ensure that there are adequate patrols when construction begins on the floodgates. He reiterated that the SLFPA-E has a committee that is reviewing the O.L.D. police force and that will provide a report and recommendation.

Michael Vitt, a resident of New Orleans, stated that he is a victim of a failed flood protection system. Part of the duties of the SLFPA-E is to protect the system from domestic terrorism. He stated that 30 officers are not enough and that 15 officers are grossly inadequate. He asked that the Board reconsider the budget allocations so that the present level of officers is preserved until there is a legislative fix and the non-flood assets revenue streams are such that the full department can be maintained. He

commented on the dedication and the flood protection expertise possessed by the OLDPD officers.

Craig Berthold, a resident along the 17th Street Canal, commented that the servitude that was claimed is based on applying R.S. 19:14 along the 17th Street Canal. He stated that this law was never considered as an alternative to establish those rights until 2006 when the Board could find no other documented rights to the property. He stated that in order to acquire a servitude through R.S. 19:14, one would have to believe that the O.L.D. would have notified every property owner in writing of the loss of their property decades before the law requiring that notification was even considered to apply. He stated that the Parish and State have no records of these notifications. He stated that one would also have to believe that every title company and every survey on these properties got it wrong and that every one of the notified property owners acquiesced to having their property taken without any compensation, and that they continued to maintain fences on the original property lines as well as maintaining the property for decades on land that they had knowingly surrendered to the State years earlier. He stated that one would have to believe that the R.S. 19:14 servitude appears on surveys taken years before the Board considered using this law. He asked for documentation of the notifications, the servitudes on the surveys and recordation.

Mr. Berthold read a statement from Epsie Hennesy: "At the last month's meeting of the SLFPA-E, I requested to know how much money you have spent on legal fees, expert fees, and any other expenses you might have had in defending your taking of the property on the 17th Street Canal. To date I have not received an answer. You are a public body. When will this information be provided to me? I would also like to know if any appraisals were conducted on the affected properties to determine the value of the property taken."

Mr. Doody reminded everyone that there is on-going litigation on this issue. Thomas Anzelmo, SLFPA-E counsel, explained that in the proof submitted to the Court, which was a title examination going back as far as possible, it showed where the toe of the levee was on the surveys of the property owners' ancestors in title and on some of the surveys conducted by the property owners themselves. It is the toe of the levee demarcation in the surveys that helps to establish the six foot line which makes the application of R.S. 38:225 applicable. The St. Julien doctrine, which was the precursor to Title 19, established that the servitude by the nature of the fact that the levee was built where it was built, created the St. Julien servitude that is presently there now. Additionally, because the servitude was created well before Title 19 came into effect and the jurisprudence established that if someone wanted to complain, it was the property owner who should have complained at the time that the levee was being constructed. Because the proof that was submitted to the Court showed that the owner of the property at the time donated the property to the City of New Orleans with the specific intent that flood protection be installed, there was no contest nor has there been any contest by any holder in title until now of the fact that the levee was there. So by operation of law there is a levee servitude and by operation of law general application of R.S. 38:225 comes into effect; that is, that you cannot obstruct or build anything within six feet of the toe of the levee. It is the toe of the levee that is demonstrated on all of

the properties of the plaintiffs that have sued – perhaps not in the last survey that was done, but it is shown in the survey of their ancestors in title.

Mr. Berthold commented that the toe of the levee is shown on the survey; however, the servitude is not shown, documented or recorded and there is no documentation by the O.L.D. of any owner ever acquiescing to the use of the property.

Mark Schleitstein with the Times Picayune stated that the Louisiana open meetings law allows a public body to have an executive session for very few reasons. One of the reasons is perspective litigation after formal written demand. He suggested that an e-mail is not a formal written demand, especially the e-mail previously referred to and received by the SLFPA-E since it did not say that it wanted something from the levee authority.

Mr. Doody responded that he was aware of this concern yesterday and referred the issue to the Board's General Counsel and the Office of the Attorney General. Robert Lacour, SLFPA-E General Counsel, stated that after hearing the concern of the Times Picayune the Assistant Attorney General assigned to the SLFPA-E Board was requested to look into this issue. Meridith Trahant, Assistant Attorney General and assigned legal counsel for the SLFPA-E, advised that the discussion of the matter listed in the Executive Session as threatened litigation is otherwise provided for under law. As a matter of due diligence, legal pitfalls need to be discussed in an executive session. David Peterson, Assistant Attorney General, added that it becomes an attorney-client privilege in anticipation of litigation. In the e-mail there is potential threatened litigation and the SLFPA-E's attorneys must be able to freely discuss the issues and pitfalls with the Board. Mr. Doody commented that the Board will discuss as much as it can openly.

Tom Bagwill, President of the Lake Terrace Crime Prevention District, thanked the Board for its service and encouraged the SLFPA-E Board to continue working with the Non-Flood Authority Board in a spirit of cooperation. He stated that he was encouraged by the SLFPA-E's decision to take a closer look at the OLDPD and its operations.

Mr. Doody stated that he appreciated the beauty of the lakefront area and that certain components of the system can serve more than one function as pointed out by Mr. Pineda and as demonstrated in the Netherlands. Mr. Pineda stated that he appreciated the comments provided by the public and that he would be participating in a ride-along tomorrow in order to observe the day-to-day operations of the OLDPD.

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Presentation of LWCC Safest 70 Award to the Orleans Levee District.

Carol Kiefer, O.L.D. Safety-Risk Manager, advised that the O.L.D. received a dividend check from Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation (LWCC) in the amount of \$32,947 for 2010. The O.L.D. received \$592,629 in retro premiums and dividends since 2005.

George Morales, Senior Loss Prevention Consultant with LWCC, presented the LWCC Safest 70 Award to Carol Kiefer on behalf of the O.L.D. The award acknowledges outstanding excellence and commitment to workplace safety. Companies are recognized based on the effectiveness of their safety effort in preventing injuries and controlling costs. This is the fourth year of this award and the second consecutive year that the award was achieved and won by the O.L.D. LWCC has approximately 20,000 policyholders in Louisiana. Policyholders are grouped in classifications and compete against other entities in their classification. The award is presented to 70 policyholders and is determined based on loss ratio, frequency and severity rates over a five year period.

2. Geophysical Study of Levee Sections – Dr. Juan Lorenzo

Dr. Juan Lorenzo, Associate Professor from the Louisiana State University (LSU) Department of Geology and Geophysics, provided a status report on the Geophysical Study of Levee Sections. He explained that the intent of the project is to develop a protocol or method for quickly evaluating the soil conditions beneath and adjacent to the levees in the Greater New Orleans system. Work has taken place on this project over the past year and will continue over the next two years.

Dr. Lorenzo addressed the question, “What are our most recent results?” He explained that the Lake Villa seepage issue was the first area studied, which was confirmed with the East Jefferson Levee District and the USACE to be a purged aquifer and not a true seep and imposed no danger. This was the first test of LSU’s approach and the anomaly confirmed what other groups had found. During the past year a mobile seismic laboratory (Seismeauxbile) was assembled to serve as the radio command center for data while moving through the New Orleans area. The Seismeauxbile can be located up to 12 miles away from the ground sensors. Recently, the LSU team has been concentrating on the 17th Street Canal levee breach and comparing the dry areas to the north of the protected area to the wet areas towards the southern part of the study area.

Dr. Lorenzo explained that the students involved in the project are provided an opportunity to work on a societal relevant problem and to come up with innovative ways to understand the soils in the New Orleans area. He stated that he would like to bring and adapt the remote sensing approach, which has been used on levee systems in California and Texas and supported by the U.S. Geological Service (USGS) and USACE, to the needs of the New Orleans area in order to determine what lies between location points with detailed engineering logs. The intent is to use preventive science rather than forensic science.

Dr. Lorenzo explained that three techniques were applied that relied on sound (shear waves) pushed through the soil. When the techniques were applied to the 17th Street Canal area the characteristics of the wet seepage area were clearly distinguished from the dry non-seepage area. Dr. Lorenzo described the techniques utilized: 1) a traditional hammer blow on a metal plate, 2) a one-of-a-kind electronically activated shear hammer and 3) urban noise naturally traveling through the ground. The concept is to quickly evaluate in a non-evasive way the conditions of the soil.

Dr. Lorenzo advised that there have been added benefits at no additional cost to the program. The LSU team has partnered with the University of New Orleans (UNO), which is conducting electrical method analyses of the soil. The combination of most engineering and electrical properties will be beneficial. It was found that GPR or radar pointed into the ground does not work in this area's clay rich soils; therefore, other standard techniques will be used in the future for measuring the electrical resistance in the soil.

Dr. Lorenzo addressed the question, "What is left to do?" The protocol is to quickly focus on hot spots and target the areas for more detailed analyses as a method of preventing rather than curing problems. Tests are anticipated to be run in the following locations:

- An area of the London Avenue Canal recommended by the O.L.D. The urban noise method will be used in this location.
- The location of the former sand boils in the Chalmette levee at Paris Road near the Murphy Oil Refinery.
- Additional recommended hot spots.

A brief film was viewed showing the placement of sensors used for the study. Mr. Doody noted that the information collected can be used as a base line for comparison with future conditions.

A motion was offered by Mr. Barry, seconded by Mr. Estopinal and unanimously approved by roll call vote, to take Agenda Item No. XIII.B.1 (EJLD healthcare coverage) as the next item of business.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-02 - EJLD HEALTHCARE RENEWAL

John Thompson with Best Group Benefits explained that Blue Cross has offered to renew the current coverage at an eight percent increase in cost. All insurers in the New Orleans area were contacted. Two insurers initially agreed to offer competitive quotes, but then turned down the request for quotes after analyzing EJLD's data.

Mr. Doody advised that this item was discussed by the Finance Committee, which recommended renewing coverage with Blue Cross. The potential future impacts of the new national healthcare act were briefly discussed.

On the motion of Mr. Jackson,
Seconded by Mr. Losonsky, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) healthcare coverage will expire on May 31, 2011 and Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana has offered to provide coverage effective June 1, 2011 at an eight percent (8%) increase in cost over the current Blue Cross Blue Shield premium; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated current monthly premium is \$48,299.24, subject to change based upon employee enrollment.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the procurement of employee healthcare coverage with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Louisiana and authorizes the EJLD Executive Director to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

Executive Session:

1. Discussion of threatened litigation in connection with a motion to grant the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers rights-of-entries to the properties which were previously considered non-flood assets by converting the properties to flood assets and issuing the rights-of-entries for the LPV Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) for the Orleans Avenue and London Avenue Outfall Canals.
2. St. Charles Land Co. et al. vs. East Jefferson Levee District et al., C.A. 11-0128 c/w 10-4569 (E.D. La.)
3. United States of America vs. 0.166 acres of Land, More or Less (Sid-Mar's) C.A. 09-3714 c/w 09-3743 (E.D. La.)
4. Ashton O'Dwyer vs. United States of America et al. In Re Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation, 05-4182 (E.D. La)
5. Parish of Jefferson vs. Davie Shoring, Inc., 698-424 (24th JDC)
6. Gabriel Properties, LLC and the Succession of Marie G. Krantz vs. the Board of Commissioners of the East Jefferson Levee District, No. 626-181 (24th JDC)
7. Yacht Homes of Gabriel, LLC and Bryan G. Krantz vs. the East Jefferson Levee District and the Board Of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East, No. 688-793 (24th JDC)
8. Orleans Levee District vs. East New Orleans Michoud Industrial Park, L.L.C., No. 08-13114 (Orleans CDC)
9. Lonatro vs. Orleans Levee District, et al., 11-0366 (ED LA)
10. Levee Breach Litigation - In Re Katrina Canal Breaches Consolidated Litigation, 05-4182 (E.D. La)
11. Olivier Plantation, L.L.C., Park Investments, Ltd. and Morning Park, Inc. vs. Parish of St. Bernard and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, No. 109272 (34th JDC)
12. Borgnemouth Realty Company, Ltd. vs. Parish of St. Bernard, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance Company, No. 112-833 (34th JDC)

13. William P. Weber, Sr., et al vs. Parish of St. Bernard, et al, No. 115-852 (34th JDC)
14. Amigo Enterprises, Inc. vs. Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, No. 115 824 (34th JDC)

A motion was offered at 12:00 noon by Mr. Losonsky, seconded by Mr. Jackson and unanimously approved, for the Board to convene in Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the Agenda.

A motion was offered at 1:30 p.m. by Mr. Wittie, seconded by Mr. Estopinal and unanimously adopted, for the Board to reconvene in Regular Session.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-03 GRANT OF AUTHORIZATION FOR AND RIGHT OF ENTRY FOR CONSTRUCTION THEREFOR TO U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS

Mr. Barry advised that the discussion in Executive Session was strictly limited to legal strategy and no substantive discussion of the subject occurred.

Capt. Brock Schmidt, USACE Officer-in-Charge of Orleans Parish, explained that a right-of-entry (ROE) must be approved today in order to properly provide the notice to proceed on the contract for Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) project on or about May 3rd. The ROE is for certain portions of the land to be used during the construction of the PCCP project at the lakefront end of the London, Orleans and 17th Street Canals. The Non-Flood Assets Management Authority provided a list of about 14 questions, which were answered at its meeting on Friday using references to the Request for Proposals (REP). A written copy of the responses will be provided to the Non-Flood Authority including the appropriate sections of the RFP so that the Authority can see how the questions were addressed, as well as the final presentation from the third public meeting on the RFP which specifically stated what portions of the previous public meetings were added to the RFP for their questions dealing with issues such as aesthetics and location. A total of 17 public meetings were held on the PCCP project. Some of the public meetings were based on the Individual Environmental Review (IER) and some dealt with the actual RFP. The IER was a process by which the USACE looked at all the neighborhood areas and environmental issues. The public comments from the IER meetings were added to the RFP. The actual proposed RFP documents that were to be used by contractors who would bid on the contract were displayed at the RFP meetings. The RFP was finalized after three RFP meetings were held.

Capt. Schmidt further explained that the maximum footprint for the PCCP project was laid out at the IER process. At this time the USACE cannot legally say exactly what portions of the maximum footprint will be used by the contractor; however, the entirety of the maximum footprint will not be used. The areas for which the USACE is requesting the ROE at this time will be used for lay down areas and for construction use; however, the areas will not be permanent parcels.

Mr. Jackson commented on the potential impacts during the lengthy construction process and urged cooperation between the USACE, the contractor and the neighboring communities. He stressed the responsibility of the USACE to ensure that

the contractors and workmen on the construction sites conduct themselves appropriately and are considerate to the individuals impacted. Capt. Schmidt agreed with Mr. Jackson's comments and explained that the USACE takes this responsibility very seriously. The USACE conducts neighborhood meetings. A public relations plan was included as a part of the RFP for the design-build process to ensure that the community is well heard during the process.

Capt. Schmidt advised that part of the partnering agreement with the S&WB was the establishment of certain criteria for the pump stations. He added that the USACE attempted to address mitigation by using language in the RFP to minimize footprints and to meet criteria of aesthetics for the architecture of the area.

Mr. Doody stated that his understanding is that the local sponsor is charged with the responsibility of providing Lands, Easements, Rights-of-Ways, Relocations and Disposal Sites (LERRDS). Larry Marino, Property Acquisition Manager for the PCCP project, advised that no compensation due in this case since there is no taking. The property is owned by the O.L.D. and will remain owned by the O.L.D.

Mr. Pineda inquired about the monitoring of vibrations during the construction process and the aesthetics of the pump stations. Capt. Schmidt explained that vibration monitoring must occur during the construction process. The amount of vibration that can occur is set by State regulation and the State and City have established noise ordinances or regulations. Time limits are set for operations in residential areas. Therefore, limitations are set up within the contract on what the contractor can do based on time of day as well as vibration and noise monitoring. Mock ups of the proposed pump stations will be released after the notice to proceed is issued and comments will be received by the contractor. Money has been set aside within the RFP for aesthetics and architectural design.

Capt. Schmidt explained that the ROE being granted today is for construction purposes and the areas will be maintained. When construction is completed, the footprints will be downsized and mitigation will be done to return all of the areas used for construction to their original state.

On the motion of Mr. Pineda,
Seconded by Mr. Barry, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (the "Corps") requires Authorization for and Right of Entry for Construction ("AFRE") to certain properties on Orleans Avenue and London Avenue Outfall Canals (designated as Orleans Avenue Canal Parcel Nos. 1-1, 1-2, 1-6, 1-7, and 1-13 and London Avenue Canal Parcel No. 1-11 on the plats of survey attached hereto) (the "Subject Property," collectively) for the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps project (the "PCCP Project"); and

WHEREAS, the PCCP Project involves construction of flood gates on the outfall canals, levee and floodwall tie-ins, permanent drainage pumps, and appurtenances; and

WHEREAS, by letters dated April 14, 2010 and November 23, 2010, the Corps requested the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (“SLFPAE”) to provide the Subject Property to the Corps for construction of the PCCP Project; and the Orleans Canal Parcels 1-2 and 1-7 are therefore also be required by Orleans Levee District (“OLD”) acting through SLFPAE for the emplacement, operation, and maintenance of the PCCP Project after completion of construction; and

WHEREAS, Orleans Canal Parcels 1-1, 1-6, and 1-13 and London Canal Parcel 1-11 are required through December 31, 2016 for temporary work areas for construction of the PCCP Project, and Orleans Canal Parcels 1-2 and 1-7 are required perpetually for permanent emplacement, operation, and maintenance of the PCCP Project; and

WHEREAS, the Corps’ letters attached maps showing the Subject Property as being within the alignment of the PCCP Project, which is an integrated coastal protection project; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is owned by OLD, which acquired ownership of the area through Act of the Legislature conveying such ownership; and

WHEREAS, SLFPAE has jurisdiction over the subject property that is owned by OLD.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Executive Director of the Orleans Levee District is authorized and directed to execute an Authorization for and Right of Entry for Construction to the Corps for the Subject Property and all other documents necessary and appropriate in connection with the foregoing, upon approval thereof by Counsel to SLFPAE; and that such AFRE and other documents shall upon such execution be considered as acts of the Board of Commissioners of SLFPAE.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee met on April 7th. Mr. Estopinal advised that he had no report.

Operations Committee: Mr. Wittie advised that the Operations Committee met on April 7th. The Committee received presentations on the Bayou St. John Water Management Phase I Study and on the refurbishment of the O.L.D. Franklin Avenue Complex and discussed the lakefront seawall project.

The Bayou St. John Water Management Phase I Study was briefly discussed. The first phase of the two phase study addressed various ways to move organisms from the lake into the bayou. Mr. Doody pointed out that the Phase I Study verified that flooding

would occur should the Bayou St. John Sector Gate be allowed to remain open. He added that he requested Mr. Losonsky to contact Carlton Dufrechou relative to meeting with the Coastal Advisory Committee, if needed, to redirect some of the focus on the study to assure that the SLFPA-E and O.L.D.'s interests are being addressed. In addition, the need to research the legal limits of the SLFPA-E relative to recreation was brought up during the discussion at the Committee meeting.

Legal Committee: Mr. Barry advised that the Legal Committee did not meet during the month of April. A resolution is included on the Board agenda to approve legal invoices.

Engineering Advisory Committee: Mr. Jackson advised that the Engineering Advisory Committee met on April 7th. The Committee received a status report on the St. Bernard T-wall corrosion protection issue, and a presentation from Taylor Engineering on the scope of work for Task Order No. 5 - St. Charles/East Jefferson Internal Levee (Compartmentalization Study) scope of work. A one or two hour workshop will be scheduled on the Compartmentalization Study (Task Order No. 5) to assist in the decision process in order to continue with the study.

CPRA/Governmental Affairs: Mr. Barry stated that he did not attend yesterday's CPRA meeting, which primarily dealt with public relations matters in connection with the anniversary of the BP oil spill. Mr. Barry commented concerning the recent trip to Washington, D.C. He advised that he has been in contact with OMB personnel and that a small amount of progress has been made even though a response of non-committal was received. He pointed out that the GIWW, which exposes this region to risks, was built by the Federal government to advance national interests and national security.

Mr. Barry commented that the Louisiana Legislature is in regular session and that every year bills are filed that are threatening to the SLFPA-E. He pointed out that the SLFPA-E is a non-political Board and the product of a good government movement; therefore, legislators should be rallying around the SLFPA-E and its mission of flood protection.

Mr. Barry advised that British Petroleum (BP) has agreed to give a billion dollars for coastal restoration. One hundred million would go directly to the State of Louisiana. The State would also receive a substantial share of other monies going to Federal agencies.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, reviewed the Regional Director's Report (copy appended to minutes). He commented on two fatalities that occurred on job sites in New Orleans East and on the West Bank over the past weeks. The levee districts will conduct a safety stand down and safety meeting on Monday to stress the importance of safety not only on the job site, but to and from the job site and at home. Mr. Turner anticipated having the location of the gaps and interim measures across the entire system before the next Board meeting.

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-04 – REQUEST FOR A.G. OPINION

Mr. Doody explained that a request was made by the O.L.D. Non-Flood Division for a separate audit. He pointed out that for the information provided by a financial statement the properties should provide a full picture of the assets owned by the levee district. He expressed concern that a limited audit of only the assets under the management of the Non-Flood Division would not given the user of the financial statement the true picture. Jim Bollinger, O.L.D. Comptroller, added that only by putting the Flood Protection and Non-Flood Assets Divisions together do you get a picture of the entity and that any other view is incomplete. Mr. Doody stated that Legislative Auditor's Office and the Office of Statewide Accounting and Reporting Policy reached the conclusion that a single audit is needed for all entities. Mr. Bollinger stated that formal recognition of the fact that the O.L.D. is still is single entity is needed. He pointed out that the Non-Flood Division could at any time commission a specialized audit.

On the motion of Mr. Barry,

Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

“A resolution authorizing the Board Attorney to request an opinion from the Attorney General concerning non-flood assets and whether the Non-Flood Division of the Orleans Levee District should have a separate audit.”

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-05 – REQUEST FOR A.G. OPINION

Mr. Doody advised that the discussion of funding for projects that are conducive to recreation came up at the Operations Committee meeting. Mr. Lacour explained that the general level district statutes state that levee districts shall build recreational facilities on or adjacent to levees and that the O.L.D. is not limited to recreational facilities on or adjacent to levees. The act that created this Board states that the SLFPA-E Board is a levee district; therefore, all of the general laws apply to it. However, the SLFPA-E Board will not own any recreational facility that is not used for flood protection. He explained that there is difficulty in drawing a line and cited the example of the seawall where there is exposure to liability if there is no lighting and additional maintenance is required if there are no trash cans. The intent is to make a flood control structure compatible with the neighborhood and safe and not an eye sore.

Mr. Jackson stated that the question posed to the Attorney General should be specific. Mr. Lacour responded that the opinion request letter to the Attorney General will ask about three planned projects and would be specifically worded. It was noted that the opinion from the Attorney General should also address the next phase of the Bayou St. John Study. A Board resolution is required to request the Attorney General opinion.

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

“A resolution authorizing the Board Attorney to request an opinion from the Attorney General on whether the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East can spend money on flood control projects that are conducive to attracting recreation.”

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Goins

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-06 - APPROVAL OF LEGAL INVOICES

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the legal invoices submitted to the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E), East Jefferson Levee District, Lake Borgne Basin Levee District and Orleans Levee District listed on the spreadsheet entitled “Legal Invoices Approved on April 21, 2011”, have been reviewed and approved by the appropriate levee district Executive Director, the SLFPA-E Regional Director and the SLFPA-E General Counsel, Robert Lacour; and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned invoices were submitted to the members of the Legal Committee for review.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the legal invoices listed on the spreadsheet entitled “Legal Invoices Approved on April 21, 2011” are hereby approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Goins

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-07 – EJLD RENEWAL OF FLOOD INSURANCE COVERAGE

Fran Campbell, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Executive Director, advised that the renewal premium for flood insurance coverage increased several hundred dollars. The EJLD did not elect to increase coverage on the building. Mr. Doody added that the Finance Committee discussed and recommended renewal of this coverage.

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) flood insurance coverage is due to expire on May 19, 2011 and a quotation was received for renewal through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services; and

WHEREAS, coverage for the EJLD Administration Building (203 Plaque) can be renewed under National Flood Insurance Plan at an annual premium of \$2,384 with coverage of \$320,000 on the building and \$80,000 on contents, each with a \$1,000 deductible.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the renewal of Flood Insurance Coverage, as hereinabove provided, under the National Flood Insurance Plan through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services, for a one year period commencing on May 19, 2011, and authorizes the EJLD Executive Director to sign any and all documents necessary to carry out the above.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Mr. Goins

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-08 - APPROVAL OF EAST JEFFERSON LEVEE DISTRICT'S PURCHASE OF PROPERTY FROM NEW ORLEANS AVIATION BOARD

Ms. Campbell advised that the FAA, the City of Kenner and the area Councilmember approved the purchase of this property. The purchase is also on the agenda of the New Orleans Aviation Board for its meeting today. The City of Kenner has been contacted concerning the purchase of the required streets. The City of Kenner and Jefferson Parish have been contacted about the Food Bank property and negotiations for the purchase of this parcel are currently taking place. The purchase of the property is contingent upon certain conditions as noted in the resolution.

On the motion of Mr. Barry,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the City of New Orleans by and through the New Orleans Aviation Board (NOAB) previously acquired immovable property in areas surrounding the Louis Armstrong New Orleans International Airport, Louisiana, in part, with federal funds furnished by the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) as part of the FAA's Noise Compatibility Project; and

WHEREAS, the FAA has requested that the City of New Orleans by and through the NOAB dispose of all immovable property purchased in whole or in part with FAA funds under the Noise Compatibility Project; and

WHEREAS, subject to certain conditions, the East Jefferson Levee District (“EJLD”) wishes to purchase 15 certain parcels of property for its administrative, police and maintenance complex from the City of New Orleans by and through NOAB, which it acquired through the FAA’s Noise Compatibility Project; and

WHEREAS, La. R.S. 33:4717(A) permits the sale of immovable property from one public entity, such as the City of New Orleans, if such property is no longer needed for a public purpose, and where the purchasing public entity intends to use said immovable property for a public purpose; and

WHEREAS, the FAA requires that all immovable property acquired with FAA Noise Compatibility Project funds be sold subject to the aviation easements set forth in the proposed Act of Sale, as well as the height building restrictions and land use restrictions as set forth in Exhibit D to the proposed Act of Sale; and

WHEREAS, subject to certain conditions, the EJLD has offered subject to approval of this board to pay the full appraised value of the 15 parcels of property in the amount of ONE MILLION THREE HUNDRED FIFTY THOUSAND DOLLARS AND NO CENTS (\$1,350,000.00), cash; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Act of Sale between the City of New Orleans and the EJLD contains the legal descriptions of the 15 parcels of property, the price and terms of the proposed sale; and

WHEREAS, the proposed sale of immovable property from the City of New Orleans to the EJLD is to be a private sale.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that subject to acceptable inspections, environmental clearances, title approval, survey, purchase by the EJLD of the property at 315 Worth Street in Kenner, availability of permits, proper zoning changes, closure of certain streets, and abandonment or relocation of utilities as determined by the Executive Director of EJLD and Counsel to the Board (i) the 15 parcels of property described in the proposed Act of Sale be purchased by the EJLD from the City of New Orleans by and through the NOAB according to the terms and conditions set forth in the proposed Act of Sale; (ii) that the EJLD obtain an American Land Title Insurance Commitment and an ALTA/ACSM land title survey on the aforesaid parcels of property prior to executing the proposed Act of Sale; and (iii) that Timothy P. Doody, President of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is authorized and empowered to execute the proposed Act of Sale and all other ancillary documents to effectuate the sale from the City of New Orleans through NOAB to the EJLD in accordance with the provisions of this resolution.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

**RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-09 –
APPROVAL TO ADVERTISE PUBLIC HEARING FOR LBBLD**

Mr. Doody explained that a reassessment of property values took place outside of the normal reassessment year in St. Bernard Parish. Therefore, a public hearing will be required to consider rolling forward the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District's (LBBLD) millage all the way forward, which could result in an additional \$21,000 of revenue per year for the LBBLD. He noted that the issue of revenue for LBBLD's share of the cost to operate and maintain the IHNC surge barrier would be addressed as a separate issue. It was pointed out that a 2/3's vote of the membership would be needed at the June meeting in order to roll the millage rates forward.

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Losonsky, the following resolution was offered:

WHEREAS, the St. Bernard Parish Assessor was mandated by the Louisiana Tax Commission to reassess the tax rolls for 2011; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for the Board to consider levying additional or increased millage rates above the adjusted millage rates, in accordance with Art. 7, Sec. 23(C) of the LA Constitution and R.S. 47:1705, in order to meet the financial obligations of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the advertising, as required, of a public hearing on June 16, 2011, in conjunction with the regular monthly Board meeting to be held on the same date, for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, in order to consider levying additional or increased millage rates without further voter approval or adopting the adjusted millage rates not to exceed the prior year's maximum in accordance with Art. 7, Sec. 23(C) of the LA Constitution and R.S. 47:1705.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

RESOLUTION NO. 04-21-11-10 STATEWIDE FLOOD CONTROL PROGRAM

Mr. Doody stated that he learned of this program opportunity from Craig Taffaro, St. Bernard Parish President. The Statewide Flood Control Program is administered by the Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) to address flooding problems in various jurisdictions. Board approval is required to submit the pre-application. DOTD offers technical assistance for parishes, such as St. Bernard, with populations below 50,000.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,
Seconded by Mr. Wittie, the following resolution was offered:

A resolution authorizing the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District to prepare and submit a pre-application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for assistance for the implementation of a project for the purpose of reduction of existing flood damages; providing for the necessary documentation of said flood damages; and providing for other matters in connection therewith.

WHEREAS, areas within the jurisdiction of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District in the vicinity of the Water Works Ditch (Palmisano Canal) at its intersection with LA Hwy 39 have been adversely affected by damages from flood waters; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District desires to apply for State matching funds pursuant to Chapter 2-A of Title 38 of the Louisiana revised Statutes of 1950, as amended, to implement a project to reduce said flood damages, and that the Lake Borgne Levee District is fully aware of its obligations under said Statute; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Levee District is a political body duly organized and existing under the laws of the State of Louisiana and is eligible to apply for funds under the Statute,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Southeast Flood Control Flood Authority - East as follows:

Section 1. That the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District acknowledges that upon the approval of the pre-application a formal application will be prepared and submitted to the Statewide Flood Control Program.

Section 2. That at the appropriate time and upon approval of funding assistance and prior to commencement of work on project the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District agrees to execute a Statement of Sponsorship pursuant to the Statute.

Section 3. That Stuart Williamson, Executive Director of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District is hereby designated Authorized Representative for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District to effect the preparation of the pre-application and application to the Statewide Flood Control Program for funding assistance of a flood control project.

Section 4. That said Authorized Representative's responsibilities shall pertain to technical matters only and shall not include any official act on behalf of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Mr. Barnes, Mr. Barry, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Jackson, Mr. Losonsky,
Mr. Pineda and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Goins

Reflecting back to the resolution adopted by the Board to give the USACE a ROE for the construction of the PCCP project, Mr. Doody commented that his understanding was that years ago after Hurricane Betsy the USACE had proposed to construct a

closure across the mouth of the outfall canals. The solution ultimately designed and constructed was parallel protection along the outfall canals. The parallel protection constructed was about 12 miles of I-wall lining both sides of each of the three outfall canals. He stated that a single enclosure would have eliminated the miles of I-wall that was constructed. Mr. Jackson added that the initial proposal by the USACE was the placement of a gate that would have been closed when a storm approached. However, the S&WB advised that the gate could not be closed because of its pumping operations. The USACE then proposed a veined structure that consisted of a gate with veins that would allow the outflow of water pumped by the interior pump stations. The S&WB opposed this proposal and parallel protection was constructed. Mr. Barry commented that the S&WB and Orleans Levee Board at that time were extremely active in Washington, D.C., and got the Congress to mandate what happened. This does not excuse the USACE in the incompetent design that resulted in disaster. He added that had another storm come by that pushed enormous amounts of water into the lake, even if that system was built properly, there would have been a comparable disaster. He stated that this is a reminder of the reason that the SLFPA-E authorized the construction of the PCCP project. It is also a reminder of the danger of complacency. Mr. Doody noted the need for flood protection above and beyond the 100-year level.

The next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on May 19, 2011 and hosted by the O.L.D.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

April 21, 2011

100 Year Level of Protection

Safety:

Two fatalities occurred last week on HSDRRS construction sites. William Morgan, 33, of Abita Springs, and Johnnie Kennedy, 55, of Grant, Ala. died of injuries sustained during construction activities. Mr. Morgan died April 12 on LPV 111 in eastern New Orleans, and Mr. Kennedy died four days later on a construction site in Westwego. Federal investigations are underway to determine exactly what happened in both cases and to apply any lessons learned from those reviews to help prevent future injuries or deaths.

SLFPA-E levee districts will conduct a safety stand-down on April 25, 2011 to review levee district safety manuals and emphasize the importance of following safety rules and guidelines at all times. All field inspectors will conduct a similar safety stand-down on April 22, 2011.

IHNC 01 Seabrook Structure:

All tie-in T-Wall monoliths are complete. The north cofferdam is complete. The south cofferdam is approximately 98% complete. Dewatering of the TRS is scheduled to begin on April 25, 2011. The IHNC is completely closed to navigation at the Seabrook construction site.

IHNC 02 - Inner Harbor Navigation Canal Hurricane Storm Surge Barrier

The Contractor continues to make good progress. Overall design is almost 100% complete. Major construction activities are about 79% complete. Our emphasis continues to be Operation & Maintenance considerations and the necessity to "design in" reasonable O&M features.

The entire braced floodwall (surge barrier) is now at final elevation.

The concrete barge is on site and scheduled to be floated into place (in the open position) in May 2011. Several voids on the bottom of the keel have been cleaned out and repairs are underway.

Work continues on the wall castings for the GIWW Sector Gate Structure.

The Bayou Bienvenue steel lift gate is in place in the closed position and the structure has been flooded. The bridge and towers will be started in mid July 2011.

East Jefferson Levee District:

Reaches 1 thru 5:

The Work is substantially complete. Turf establishment issues still remain. The vegetation contractor has started work on turf establishment. The tentative timeframe for Final Inspections on these projects is mid June 2011.

Bonnabel Breakwater Project:

The Notice of Construction Complete Letter for this Project has been transmitted by the USACE to CPRA, copied to EJLD on November 12, 2010.

Duncan Breakwater Project:

The Notice of Construction Complete Letter for this Project was transmitted by the USACE to CPRA, copied to EJLD on February 2, 2011.

Williams Blvd. Floodwall and Gate:

Work is substantially complete. The final inspection was held on January 24, 2011. The USACE transmitted the final punch list and the Contractor is addressing the punch list items. The gate winch has been sent back to the manufacturer for inspection and repair/replacement.

Bonnabel Floodwall and Gate:

Work is substantially complete. Final inspection was held on December 20, 2011. Minor grass issues remain.

Pump Station Fronting Protection:

The Work is approximately 44% complete. Work is ongoing at Elmwood and Suburban Pump Stations and Breakwaters. The Contractor has been instructed to install interim measures at both Elmwood and Suburban Pump Stations to defend against a 100 year event by June 1, 2011.

LPV 017.2 (Causeway Crossing):

Causeway traffic has been rerouted onto a temporary roadway on the median for both north bound and southbound traffic. The Contractor is driving piles on the west side of the projects.

West Return Levee/Floodwall - North:

Work is approximately 42% complete. H-pile driving operations are now progressing on three headings. Pile driving hours have been extended (7:00am to 10:00pm). The Contractor is placing concrete monoliths in the area on the north end of the Project.

West Return Levee/Floodwall - South:

Work is approximately 24% complete. The Contractor has started driving H-piles for the T-Wall foundation. The scour protection has been removed under the I-10 bridge. Sheet pile driving operations have been completed except for the area under the I-10 bridge.

Foreshore Protection Reaches 1 and 2:

The Contractor has constructed a security fence along the shoreline. The placement of fabric and stone is now underway. Work is approximately 4% complete.

Foreshore Protection Reaches 3 and 4:

The Contractor is placing fabric and stone. Work is approximately 25% complete.

West Return Levee (Airport Runway):

Work is approximately 66% complete. The Contractor has finished construction on the fourth lift. Work on the next lift will begin after the required amount of settlement has occurred. The Bonnet Carre borrow pit used for this Project was flooded due to high river levels. The Airport's Contractor is scheduled to finish relocation of the runway landing lights in early May 2011.

Orleans Levee District:

LPV 101.02 (17th St. Canal to Topaz Street):

Construction is approximately 81% complete. The aesthetic quality of the wall finish has been poor and we have requested the USACE to require the Contractor to make the appropriate repairs. Construction has been hindered by lake water seepage under the parking lot area. The Project has entered Red Zone.

LPV 102.01, 103.01, and 104.01

Projects are 100% complete. The Notice of Construction Complete has been transmitted to Orleans Levee District on all three Projects.

LPV 103.01 A1 (Bayou St. John):

Construction is now about 99% complete. The pre-final inspection was held on December 9, 2010. A Contract Modification was issued to address excessive I-wall stick-up on the Orleans Canal near Lakeshore Blvd and construction of the modified Work is now complete. Turf issues still need to be addressed by the Contractor.

LPV 103.01 A2 (Rail Street and Lake Terrace Flood Gate):

Construction is approximately 80% complete. Lakeshore drive is now open at Rail St. and Lake Terrace. Pile driving operations are complete. The Project has entered Red Zone.

LPV 104.01 A (Ramp Crossings – Lakeshore Dr.):

Construction is approximately 99% complete. All ramps are open to vehicular traffic. A pre-final inspection was held on February 9, 2011. The pre-final punch list was issued on Feb 17, 2011. Turf establishment is still required. The Contractor is working the punch list items.

LPV 104.02 (Seabrook West Side IHNC):

Construction is approximately 85% complete. The Contractor is constructing the drainage structures.

LPV 104.02A (Retrofit of Wall and Floodgate South of W-40):

100% Plans and Specs were completed in mid June 2010. This Project will be completed as part of IHNC-01 (Seabrook). The ROE for the NS Railroad right-of-way has been granted.

LPV 105.01 (Lakefront Airport T-Wall West):

Construction is approximately 53% complete. All lanes of traffic are open at Downman Rd. The USACE has instructed to Contractor to make cosmetic repairs to the floodgate monoliths. All sheet pile and H-piles west of Downman Rd. have been installed.

LPV 105.02 (Lakefront Airport T-Wall East):

Construction is approximately 59% complete.

LPV 106 (Citrus Lakefront Levee):

Construction is approximately 71% complete.

LPV 107 (Lincoln Beach Floodgate):

Construction is approximately 90% complete.

LPV 108 (New Orleans East Lakefront Levee):

The Project is substantially complete. Some of the final punch list items have not yet been addressed.

LPV 109.02a (South Point to CSX Railroad – Levee Embankment):

Construction of the Project has been combined with LPV 109.02c (HWY 90 and HWY 11 floodgates). Construction is about 81% complete. Deep Soil Mixing operations are continuing near the electrical transmission towers. The Contractor is constructing the T-Wall monoliths associated with the floodgate at HWY 90 and HWY 11. HWY 11 will be closed to all traffic for as much as 45 days starting on April 20, 2011. HWY 90 will remain open with lane restrictions until floodgate construction is complete.

LPV 109.02a1 (South Point to CSX Railroad - Wick Drain Test Section):

Construction is complete.

LPV 109.02a2 (South Point to CSX Railroad – Drainage Blanket):

Construction is complete.

LPV 109.02b (South Point to CSX Railroad - I-10 Crossing):

Construction is approximately 92% complete. I-10 traffic has been rerouted back to the normal lane configuration. The Contractor is working on median and shoulder restoration.

LPV 109.02c (South Point to CSX Railroad – Hwy 90 and Hwy 11 Floodgates):

Construction will be done under LPV 109.02a.

LPV 110 (CSX Railroad Crossing):

Construction is approximately 66% complete.

LPV 111.01 Deep Soil Mixing (North Side GIWW):

The contract includes construction of levee sections using deep soil mixing techniques. Work is progressing on schedule and is approximately 100% complete. The Project is in Red Zone. Turf establishment work has begun.

LPV 111.02 Pump Station 15 Fronting Wall:

All sheet pile, H-piles and pipe piles have been driven. 70% of the monoliths are now complete.

LPV 111.03 Tie-in to IHNC:

The Project consists of about 1000' of new T-Wall. All sheet pile and H-piles have been driven. All monoliths have been completed. The overall Project is approximately 90% complete.

LPV 113 (NASA):

Construction is approximately 99% complete. Pre-final inspection was conducted in the first week of October 2010. The Contractor is working to repair ruts and rills in preparation for turf establishment.

OFC-03 London Ave. Canal:

The Work is 34% completed. A mod to the original contract will add 2100 linear feet of sheet pile and 630 linear feet of embankment.

OFC-04A Orleans Canal:

The Work is 7% complete. Work is scheduled to be completed 6/30/2011.

OFC-05 17th Street Canal:

The Work is 33% completed. Work is scheduled to be completed by 6/30/2011. Contractor is working on deep soil mixing and a grout curtain. This project may be modified to add 750 linear feet of deep soil mixing on the Orleans side of the canal south of Veterans HWY.

OFC-06 Orleans Canal:

The Work is nearly complete. The pre-final inspection was premature. The punch list is being worked. The Contractor is placing the berm on the section between Harrison Ave and Filmore Ave. The completion date is 6/30/2011.

LPV192.02 Buttress Slab:

The scope of work includes installation of prestressed-precast concrete piles, placement of a buttress slab, structural backfill and seepage lifts. The Contractor has mobilized on site, installed the silt fence and begun the excavation of riprap along the protected side of the existing wall.

LPV192.02 Berms:

USACE Memphis Hired Labor is scheduled to construct this project. Lock site work has been delayed due to contaminated soil and coordination issues with Operations. The coordination issues are resolved as of this date and soil is being tested.

LPV192.03 Relief Wells

In Reach 2, the scope of work includes the installation of 12 new relief wells. In Reach 3, the scope of work includes the installation of 50 new relief wells, modification of 9 existing relief wells, and the installation of subsurface collector line and cleanouts.

The Contractor has mobilized on site and installed the silt fence and hay bales. The initial video inspection is complete. The collector pipe has been delivered to the site and relief well submittals are being reviewed by USACE.

Lake Borgne Basin Levee District:

LPV 144 (Bayou Dupre Control Structure):

Overall, the Work is approximately 75% complete. Concrete has been placed for both walls of the Sector Gate Structure and the Sector Gate leafs are installed. Bayou Dupre will be closed to navigation at the existing Control Structure until construction is complete.

LPV 145 (Bayou Bienvenue to Bayou Dupre):

The USACE has instructed the Contractor to use uncoated steel sheet piles and H-piles on this project in order to meet schedule demands. Construction is approximately 98% complete. All wall monoliths are in place. Initial inspections on the T-Wall monoliths are underway. The interim inspections will not take the place of the required pre-final and final inspections that are part of the Red Zone process.

LPV 146 (Bayou Dupre to Verret):

The USACE has instructed the Contractor to use uncoated steel sheet piles and H-piles on this project in order to meet schedule demands. The Work is approximately 97% complete. All wall monoliths are in place. Work is continuing on the emergency by-pass ramp for LA HWY 46.

LPV 147 (LA Hwy 46 Flood Gate):

The Work is approximately 97% complete. Both Trolley Gates are in place. The pre-final inspection was conducted and the Contractor is working on punch list items.

The USACE has eliminated the emergency stand-by beams for all Trolley Gate projects in the St. Bernard Polder.

The LA Hwy 300 Flood Gate will be constructed under the LPV 148.02 Project.

LPV 148.02 (Verret to Caernarvon):

The USACE has instructed the Contractor to use uncoated steel sheet piles and H-piles on this project in order to meet schedule demands. Construction is approximately 89% complete.

Contrary to St. Bernard Parish's wishes, the USACE has determined that the Creedmore Drainage Structure is no longer needed and has been removed from the Project without replacing the structure's drainage capacity.

LPV 149 (Caernarvon Floodwall – Lake Borgne Basin Levee District):

The Work is approximately 90% complete. The USACE is investigating slow setting of the mass concrete pour for the first 12' of the sector gate walls. OCPR has contracted with AECOM to provide technical assistance regarding this issue.

Permanent Pump Stations

The Design Build Contract was awarded on April 13, 2011 for \$675 million to CBY Design Builders, a joint venture of CDM, Brasfield and Gorrie, and Yates Construction. The Partnering Conference is scheduled for May 11, 2011. All three Pump Stations will undergo Independent External Peer Review.

Elevation Map:

The USACE has published a map showing the 100 year level of protection elevations for the hurricane protection levee system in the metro New Orleans area. The elevations depicted are current as of June 2010. The map can be found at the following web address:

<http://www.mvn.usace.army.mil/hps2/pdf/riskstatusmap.pdf>

Coastal Protection and Restoration

Lake Borgne Basin Levee District:

The Violet Freshwater Diversion siphon is flowing at full capacity.

Flood Fight

The Mississippi River is near 11' at the Carrollton Gage and is predicted to crest around 15' in mid May 2011. A Phase I Flood Fight is in effect and the levee districts and USACE have increased surveillance on the Mississippi River Levees.

Design and Construction

East Jefferson Levee District:

Work is continuing on the EJLD Safe House. We will schedule a meeting within the next couple of weeks to develop a project management plan.

Orleans Levee District:

The Safe House Project is approximately 95% complete. The Contractor has completed the installation of the refrigeration equipment.

The Bayou St. John Water Management Study Draft Final Report has been distributed. This Project is being funded through State Capital Outlay.

A Contract Amendment has been signed with DEI for the Seawall Steps Erosion Project. The proposal for modifications is under negotiation.

The Tier 2 Environmental Inventory is complete.

Lake Borgne Basin Levee District:

The Preliminary Design Report for the Engine Replacement Project at Pump Station 4 has been reviewed by LBBLD and comments have been forwarded to BKI for incorporation into the 60% design submittal. Design Work is scheduled for completion in June 2011.

FEMA has written a PW for pump repairs at Pump Station #6 (\$360,000). LBBLD signed an MOU with OCPR to utilize an ID/IQ Contract between OCPR and Atkins North America (formerly PBS&J) to procure the professional engineering services needed to complete the documents necessary to bid this work. Eligibility for FEMA reimbursement is undergoing re-review.

The Emergency Work required to address the seepage issue at Pump Station #3 has been completed. Sheet piles were driven to construct a temporary cofferdam to isolate 2 of the three discharge tubes. Seepage stopped after the cofferdam was dewatered. W. S. Nelson was selected to provide engineering services required for the permanent work. A scoping meeting was held with Nelson on January 21, 2011. It was decided to conduct the work in two separate Phases. The first phase will involve site investigations to tie down the source of seepage. The second phase will involve the design of the required work to stop the seepage. LBBLD has executed the Contract with Nelson for the first phase of the Work.

LBBLD has entered into a Contract with W. S. Nelson for the preparation of plans and specs for a remote control system to operate the pumps at Pump Station 2 from Pump Station 6, and Pump Station 3 from Pump Station 7. The 90% design submittal has been reviewed by LBBLD and comments will be incorporated into the final plans and specifications.

OCPR is working on the preparation of Plans and Specifications for the Violet Canal Dredging Project (Phase II). LBBLD secured the necessary right-of-way from the Meraux Foundation for dredge disposal.

Work on the Violet Canal Closure Structure Improvement Project is nearing completion. A change order was issued to delete the installation of riprap erosion protection at this time due to temporary site access issues. Riprap will be installed under a separate contract after work on the Bayou Dupre Control Structure is complete and open to barge traffic.

Internal Affairs

Our ID/IQ Consultant, Halcrow Inc. has completed the review the Safe Water elevation Reports and the designs for the remediation work proposed by the USACE. All major comments submitted by Halcrow have been incorporated into the current plans prepared by the USACE's consultants. The maximum stick-up/minimum embedment issues identified by Halcrow are still being investigated by the USACE.

We now have five inspectors working with us provided by OCPR. We have been getting additional technical assistance from OCPR staff, LDOTD staff, and Atkins North America [formerly PBS&J] (through an ID/IQ contract with OCPR).

The SLFPA-E Emergency Module for Floodgate Management was completed several months ago. SLFPA-W, OCPR and the USACE have expressed a strong interest in modifying the module to make it "web based" so that it can be used on a regional basis. Work to convert the module to a web based product is now underway. This Project is funded by OCPR, SLFPA-E, SLFPA-W and Plaquemines Parish.

SLFPA-W has expressed an interest in partnering with SLFPA-E on the Levee Information Management System development. We will be meeting with Royal Haskoning to develop a Strategic Plan for a path forward.

Royal Haskoning submitted a potential SLFPA-E Project for funding through Flood Control 2015. The Project is called "Hurricane Risk & Safety Module for New Orleans Levee System". Royal Haskoning was notified earlier this month that the Dutch Government approved the Project.

The O&M Cost Study for all three levee districts is underway by AECOM. Regular by-monthly meetings are scheduled with AECOM and the Levee Districts to review progress and plan the path forward. This work is funded through a CDBG Grant.

New Contracts:

Hurricane Preparedness

Preparations for the upcoming 2011 hurricane season have already begun. A meeting with the Executive Directors was held at SLFPA-E offices to discuss plans for this year. Each levee district is updating their emergency manual. Weekly radio checks using the State's interoperability communication system began today.