

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST
BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2014**

The regular monthly Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (Authority or SLFPA-E) was held on Thursday, March 20, 2014, in the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, St. Bernard Parish Government Complex, 8201 West Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, 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 9:30 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

The roll was called by Secretary Wittie:

PRESENT:

Timothy P. Doody, President
Stephen Estopinal, Vice President
Louis E. Wittie, Secretary
Wilton P. Tilly, III, Treasurer
Jefferson M. Angers
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr.
Kelly J. McHugh
G. Paul Kemp
Richard A. Luettich, Jr.

ABSENT:

None

OPENING COMMENTS:

Mr. Doody recognized St. Bernard Parish President David E. Peralta and expressed his appreciation to Mr. Peralta and the St. Bernard Parish Council for hosting the SLFPA-E Board meeting.

Mr. Peralta welcomed the Board and thanked the Board members for their support and work on behalf of St. Bernard Parish.

Mr. Doody reported that representatives of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), Pontchartrain Levee District and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) met on February 26th to discuss the armoring of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS). An attempt is being made to obtain the USACE's agreement to a schedule change so that levee lifts can be constructed where needed to reach 2024 standards prior to the placement of armoring. The HSDRRS must be recertified in ten years. Certain levees will require lifts within the next three to four years. The delay in armoring the levees that will require lifts will save armoring dollars. A follow-up meeting was held on this issue yesterday. The SLFPA-E would like the USACE to coordinate its armoring priorities with those of the SLFPA-E in order to

achieve maximum savings. The USACE's initial cost estimates for the levee lifts have increased significantly.

Mr. Doody advised that he, Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, Robert Lacour, SLFPA-E General Counsel, and Fran Campbell, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Executive Director, attended the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's (ALBL) Executive Committee meeting on February 28th. Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director of the North Lafourche Levee District and Committee Chair of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's NFIP/DFIRM Committee, provided a presentation on the progress of the effort to delay the implementation of the Biggert-Waters Act. An item has been placed on the Board Agenda to consider a pledge to assist in the future effort. A presentation was also provided on proposed legislation for the 2014 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. As a member of the ALBL Legislative Committee, Mr. Doody advised that a follow up conference call was conducted on pending legislative bills. The annual ALBL Workshop will be held on May 1 and 2, 2014, in Baton Rouge. The ALBL Workshop will satisfy certain training requirements for Board members.

Mr. Doody reported that he hosted the March 7th Strategic Partnering Meeting, which was attended by representatives from the USACE, U.S. Coast Guard, Plaquemines Parish, SLFPA-West, CPRA, Sewerage and Water Board of New Orleans and the City of New Orleans. Plans are underway for a media event (tentatively set for May 30th) in advance of the upcoming hurricane season. Elected officials from surrounding parishes, including St. Charles, St. John, Plaquemines, St. Bernard, Orleans, Jefferson, St. Tammany and Tangipahoa, will be called upon for participation. A joint announcement will be made regarding the readiness of the participating governmental entities. The event also demonstrates regional cooperation. Public information officers of the various governmental entities will be tasked at the March 28th Strategic Partnering Meeting with coordinating plans for the upcoming event.

Mr. Doody advised that he attended the March 10th Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association (MVFCA) Executive Committee meeting in St. Francis, Arkansas, as one of the ALBL representatives on the committee. The main purpose of the MVFCA is to ensure that the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MRT) projects are funded and completed by the USACE. An average of \$500 million is received annually from Emergency Funding and the Administration's Budget. The MVFCA will request \$500 million for the upcoming year to fund the MRT projects. Mr. Doody advised that he and Mr. Turner will attend the MVFCA meeting in Washington, D.C., on March 24-26, which will provide an opportunity to meet with members of the Congressional delegation to discuss MVFCA and SLFPA-E needs.

Mr. Doody reported that a letter was received from the USACE concerning the request for an after-the-fact permit for the Tulane Rowing Club pier. The Club has been notified to remove the floating pier in the Orleans Canal on or before April 20th.

Mr. Doody recognized Tim Osborn, Regional Navigation Manager of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) Office of Coast Survey for the Central Gulf Coast.

Mr. Osborn reminded everyone that hurricane season begins on June 1st. He informed the Board about training sessions hosted by NOAA at the National Weather Service office in Slidell, LA.

Mr. Osborn advised that NOAA is the legal authority for maintaining water levels on U.S. coasts. As part of its mission, NOAA creates and develops sea level trends for various areas of the coasts. He announced that this Spring NOAA's Center for Operational Oceanographic Products and Services will raise the posted water level values of mean sea level by about one-and-a-half inches for southeast Louisiana based on a five year observation. A technical report will be issued relative to the rise in mean sea level. The rise in mean sea level is basically due to regional subsidence. He offered NOAA'S assistance in making the transition from the currently posted level to the newly adjusted mean sea level. He anticipated that in five years water levels will be raised by another two inches and that mean sea level will likely be six inches higher at the time the ten year levee evaluation occurs. Twenty-five years into the newly constructed HSDRRS mean sea level is likely to be raised a total of one foot. NOAA will likely be encouraging the SLFPA-E to use a subsidence rate of 11.2 millimeters per year as a minimum, in lieu of 9.24 millimeters, and in a few decades begin using 16.2 millimeters per year, in future levee evaluations in order to stay ahead of the projected rates. These rates are the result of a regional deltaic process and are a regional issue.

Mr. Osborn commented on the need for armoring for protection against storm wave impact. The proportional exposure of the levees to open water will spike and rise significantly as water levels continue to rise outside of the system.

Mr. Osborn encouraged investment in hardened surge monitoring stations that can post storm surge data in five minute increments. An update will be provided on resources and the types of coastal storm surge products and graphics that will be available during the hurricane season. Additional continually operating receiver stations (CORS) are being placed along the coast in order to track local subsidence and sea level rise and compare those rates to bigger regional trends. He noted that local subsidence rates are higher than the rates experienced in places such as Grand Isle. He reminded everyone that hurricane surge is not related to hurricane category. Hurricane Isaac was barely a Category One hurricane for eight hours; however, it lingered for three days and significantly impacted the region.

Mr. Estopinal pointed out that, in addition to subsidence and relative sea level rise trends, the SLFPA-E must take into account the potential increase in storm surge height as wetlands and cross sectional areas outside of the flood protection system decrease. Mr. Osborn noted that the Terrebonne Levee Conservation District is constructing marsh terraces outside of the levee system in order to break wave action and allow the levee to deal with just the surge height.

Rickey Brouillette, CPRA Engineer Manager, advised that the designs for future levee lifts accommodate certain sea level rise assumptions. He suggested that a working group be established, including NOAA, the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) and the entities that must use the type of information discussed, to meet on a regular basis and share information and perspectives.

Mr. Doody commented on the need to monitor the HSDRRS and to be guided by science. The HSDRRS has been constructed for a 50-year life. Sea level rise was incorporated into the design; however, going forward it may need to be better defined.

Mr. Doody announced that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East will hold its regular monthly Board Meeting on May 15, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Meeting Room 201, New Orleans, LA, during which the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East Board on behalf of the East Jefferson Levee District will adopt the millage rate for the year 2014 and certify the levy of the millage rate to the Parish of Jefferson for the purpose of assessing and collecting the tax.

Mr. Doody introduced and recognized Nyka Scott, Chair of the Non-Flood Protection Asset Management Authority Board (NFPAMA).

Ms. Scott informed the Board about the NFPAMA's current activities. The NFPAMA Board is in the midst of its budget process and attempting to streamline and cut expenses as much as possible. Lakefront Airport is up and running. She thanked Wilma Heaton for her leadership on the Airport Committee and for her advocacy on behalf of the SLFPA-E. The airport currently has four tenants and the Walnut Room will soon be open for business. Ms. Scott advised that the NFPAMA Board adopted a resolution on December 5, 2013 authorizing the transfer of the management and control for the former Orleans Levee District Police Department Headquarters located at 6799 Elysian Fields Avenue to the SLFPA-E in hopes that the building will be rebuilt as a police station for the Orleans Levee District Police Department. She offered the NFPAMA's assistance in this effort. Ms. Scott thanked the SLFPA-E Board for its assistance and, in particular, with the seawall erosion control project and Lakeshore Drive street lighting. She noted that the NFPAMA Board will be seeking FAA grant funding concerning erosion control for Lakefront Airport. She invited the SLFPA-E Board members to tour the newly renovated Lakefront Airport facilities.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

A motion was offered by Mr. Wittie, seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously approved, to adopt the agenda.

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-01 –
APPROVAL OF FEBRUARY 20, 2014 BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Luettich, 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 February 20, 2014.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

PRESENTATIONS:

1. Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans participation in the legislation that created the SLFPA-E

Ruthie Frierson, Founder and Chair Emeritus of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, explained that the presentation is being given because not every member of the current SLFPA-E Board was seated when the legislation to create the Flood Protection Authorities took place. She thanked the members of the Board for their service and for making the region a much safer place. In 2005 over 80 percent of the City of New Orleans was underwater for over three weeks. Yet, during a Special Session of the Louisiana Legislature in November of 2005, the committee refused to consolidate and reform the levee boards of southeast Louisiana. The New Orleans Business Council led the charge for levee board reform and Senator Boasso introduced a bill to create a levee board that would focus only on flood protection. The Board was to be a non-political group of individuals with various areas of expertise. The nominating committee would be a non-political group of individuals with scientific expertise who would receive nominations and determine who was qualified to represent the citizens of this region. A group of 120 citizens, which named itself Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans, met in November, 2005, and started a petition drive for levee board reform. In 3-1/2 weeks 53,000 signed petitions were gathered (one-third of the population of New Orleans). Governor Blanco called another Special Session of the Louisiana Legislature to focus on this issue. One hundred members of the group were trained as volunteer spokespeople to work the bill. Twelve hundred people were bused from New Orleans on the first day of the Special Session to support the proposed legislation. The 100 volunteers remained in Baton Rouge for 2-1/2 weeks to monitor and support the proposed legislation. After the Special Session of the Legislature, Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans raised hundreds of thousands of dollars to travel the State and support the Constitutional Amendment voted on in September of 2006. Eighty-two percent of the citizens of Louisiana and 94 percent of the citizens of Orleans Parish voted in favor of the creation of the Flood Protection Authorities.

Mr. Frierson commented that the Board had received no political interference until recently. Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans has also focused on assessor, education and criminal justice issues, juvenile justice reform, ethics reforms and advocacy for women suffering from domestic violence. The members of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans have done the research, educated themselves and then advocated. Over 1,650,000 emails were sent to State legislators the first year after the Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans website was created. Since the website's creation, over four million emails have been sent back and forth to State legislators. Ms. Frierson pointed out that Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans has taken no stand on the lawsuit. She added that the lawsuit is in the courts and the courts will decide. However, the group has taken a very strong position against Senate Bill (SB) 79 introduced by Senator

Adley. Representatives of Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans have met with Senator Adley and members of Transportation Committee, members of the Orleans delegation and representatives of the Governor's Office. She asked everyone to keep in mind that SB 79 is different from the other bills. She reiterated that Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans fought very hard and won significant reforms protecting the non-political selection of Board members. The voters have overwhelmingly supported the reforms. SB 79 undoes the reforms that were supported by the legislators' constituents and undermines the political independence of the process. Currently, the nominating committee nominates one person to serve in the scientific and technological positions and two individuals to serve in the at-large positions. Senator Adley's bill would require the nomination of three individuals for each position and allows the Governor to reject all of the nominees for any reason. The Senate must confirm the Governor's appointments, which provides a check and balance. She noted that the Governor's Office was stunned by the negative response to SB 79.

Mr. Doody expressed his appreciation to Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans for all of its hard work.

Mr. Hassinger thanked Ms. Frierson for her presentation and Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans for all of its efforts. He commented that the Board was set up to be apolitical and that the Board claims to be apolitical; however, it has made a move that is totally political. His concern is that the Board will now be treated politically. Ms. Frierson reiterated that she had no comment on the lawsuit and that any decision made on the lawsuit will be made by the courts. Mr. Hassinger commented that the Board decided behind closed doors without approval from the CPRA or the Legislature to file the litigation because it was anticipated that the Legislature would stop the Board if it knew its intent. The Board has gone beyond its statutory mission to build, maintain and oversee flood control for the region. The Board has gotten into major policy decisions for the State that he stated in his view should involve the CPRA, which was set up to deal with coastal restoration, and the Legislature. The issue is political because lawyers, lobbyists and non-profits are arguing and advocating in the Legislature. He stressed his concern that the Board has taken its shield by design (to be apolitical) and turned it into a sword. He added that the Board does not operate in a vacuum. Ms. Frierson explained that members of the Orleans delegation and the Transportation Committee and staff from Governor Jindal's Office understood the reason politics cannot be put over safety when it comes to SB 79 and want to work with Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans. She stressed that it is very important for the Board to continue to function as it has in the past in its flood protection work. Mr. Hassinger explained that he wanted the Board to remain able to meet its obligations and function because he appreciated its significant charge; however, the Board operates within a bigger context and cannot do whatever it wants, whenever it wants, and however it wants without consultation and cooperation with the other parts of the government, which is what has been expressed by the CPRA and Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

Ms. Heaton distributed a listing of pending legislative bills that are being tracked by the SLFPA-E. She advised that the need for emergency repairs was discovered during the non-federal levee certification process. An existing Capital Outlay Request application

has been revised in an attempt to secure funding for the emergency repairs required for the certification of the non-federal levees.

2. Geocommunication surveying techniques - Cory Baldwin of Foundry Engineering

Cory Baldwin, President of Foundry Engineering, informed the Board that he has a computer science background and has worked with instrumentation and monitoring for over a decade. Foundry Engineering has worked with many different markets and is a computer science and instrumentation focused organization.

Mr. Baldwin discussed the Bingham Canyon copper mine project. On April 10, 2013, the canyon experienced the largest, non-volcanic landslide in the history of North America. The slide was predicted and no injuries occurred; however, equipment and revenues were lost. Lessons were learned. He pointed out that actionable information is harder to come by than expected. The suite of sensors that were used was managed by different systems and software and the information produced was segregated into different disciplines. An intensive process had to be used to analyze the different data types and make comparisons between the various sensing technologies.

Mr. Baldwin advised that a data management system is an important key in making critical decisions. The industry focus is on a universal data management system. Foundry Engineering has been able in the past several years to bring information together into a cohesive system. Elevation models from technologies, such as Lidar, can be compared directly and in real-time with sensor data from various types of instrumentation. The three segments being brought together are 1) planning and analysis, 2) sensor/data management and 3) operational awareness.

Mr. Baldwin explained that sensor systems and software are being developed for many different industries. There are three approaches to instrumentation monitoring: 1) discrete sensors (e.g., weather stations), 2) wide area coverage (e.g., ISAR and LIDAR) and 3) distributed networks (e.g., fiber optic and TDR). He cautioned that the three categories should be approached with the big picture in mind.

Mr. Baldwin discussed recent technological developments in wide area coverage, especially with LIDAR scanning. LIDAR data can be gathered using either airborne or terrestrial technology. The airborne technology now has the capability in a single unit to do both land based topography and bathymetry in a single flyover. Cost effective approaches now exist to obtain wide area coverage and gather a great amount of data on subsidence monitoring applications and imagery and bring the information into a data management system within hours. He briefly discussed the state of the industry and the availability and use of publicly available technologies. Foundry Industries recently released an instrumentation and monitoring network appliance that can slide into any IT center and will immediately begin aggregating data from field sensors. An example of a web browser was viewed that displayed data in geospatial context with other valuable information. Data Sync, developed by Foundry Engineering, allows the secure log in of many users based on role and access permissions, direct integration

with command and control centers, and distribution to field tools. Foundry Engineering works diligently to customize and present information appropriately to various users.

Mr. Baldwin explained that Foundry Engineering is a distributor for many of the industry leaders in geomatics instrumentation and sensors. It develops a holistic approach to problems using the right blend of technologies and provides a turnkey operational system. Foundry Engineering is unique because the software and data analysis system that it develops sits over everything else and brings a cohesive approach to problem solving. Mr. Baldwin advised that he developed the instrumentation monitoring used on the USACE's London Avenue Canal Cofferdam Loading Project. He also worked with the USACE on number of dam projects and did extensive work in the deltas in northern California.

Travis Richards with Eustis Engineering commented that the information provided by the universal data management system bridges the gap between engineers and managers. Mr. Baldwin advised that he was the geomatics systems manager at Geocomp when the proposal was developed for the State's iLevee Project. The iLevee Project consists of specific applications. He explained that there is a risk in using an iLevee type of approach where new and existing technologies are not being leveraged on top of technologies that have already been developed for other industries. He stressed the importance of looking at the big picture; i.e., the ability to interrelate geospatial context with other data and provide actionable information in one location.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Craig Berthold explained that his comments were in response to the presentation by Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans. He commented that there are no independent authorities or boards in Louisiana. The Governor's Office, ALBL, New Orleans Business Council and Citizens for 1 Greater New Orleans are all politically influenced and in turn influence politically, including legislation, the judicial system and lobbying. He added that the SLFPA-E Board that created the problem for property owners along the 17th Street Canal in 2007 was not an independent authority looking for the truth.

Marlon Landry commented relative to the floating pier in the Orleans Avenue Canal. He stated it is important that the Board do the right thing for the public regarding hazards to flood protection.

Carol Byram commented that after the recent legislation regarding the toe plus 15-ft. zone along the 17th Street Canal Levee was exposed for not being in the USACE's guidelines, Mr. Graves, Representative Lorusso and Mr. Arrigo agreed to a resolution and that the proposed new legislation would be dropped. The proposed resolution would state that it could only be changed by the USACE and FEMA. However, the SLFPA-E adopted a resolution giving itself, in addition to FEMA and the USACE, power to enforce the toe plus 15-ft. zone along the 17th Street Canal. She asked for a copy of the resolution mentioned in the Board's minutes and that a new resolution be written.

Edward Feinman expressed concern that over 50 percent of the SLFPA-E's expenses are financed by Orleans Parish taxpayers and about the amount of money that would

have to be paid for legal fees if the SLFPA-E's lawsuit against the oil and gas industry is dropped. He stated that a new approach is needed for where the money is coming from and for where it is going and reiterated his concern that Orleans Parish taxes are being seen as an unlimited source of funding for the SLFPA-E. He commented on the erosion taking place along the 17th Street Canal and on the irregularity of the measurement of the toe plus 6-ft. zone along the back of his property adjacent to the 17th Street Canal.

Roy Arrigo commented that the Governor has appointed the members of the Board since its creation and that the Senate has the final approval of the appointments. SB 79 does not change any of this or make the process any more or less political than it is already. The Governor's appointment must still be from the candidates submitted by the nominating committee. The proposed legislation does not change the number of experts or the areas of expertise. He commented that the Board has been controlled by two non-expert Board members since it was formed in 2007.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Finance Committee: Mr. Tilly reported that the Finance Committee met on March 7th. The Committee reviewed the FY 2015 Budgets for the SLFPA-E and levee districts and recommended their approval.

Operations Committee: Mr. Wittie reported that the Operations Committee met on March 6th and considered the following items:

- Lee Walker, USACE Project Manager for the Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) Project, provided information on additional rights-of-ways (ROWs) needed for utilities and permanent access roads. The official request for additional ROWs will be made after the environmental clearances are completed.
- Establishment of a present condition baseline for Lakeshore Drive in order to determine potential damage to the roadway caused by truck traffic for the PCCP Project. A representative from Eustis Engineering discussed the use of Falling Weight Deflectometer (FWD) tests to establish the baseline.
- Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with St. Bernard Parish Government for a pedestrian bridge over the Forty Arpent Canal – the project will be funded by a tourism grant to St. Bernard Parish. The bridge will allow pedestrian access to the Central Wetlands area.
- The Committee discussed and recommended the award of a contract to Hamp's Construction, the lowest responsive bidder, for the removal of vegetation along Mississippi River Floodwall from Canal Street to Poydras Street.

Legal Committee: Mr. Doody advised that a number of items have been placed on the Board Agenda for discussion in Executive Session. Mr. Hassinger noted that the Legal Committee has not met in several years and inquired about future Committee meetings. Mr. Doody advised that he would prefer to meet as a full Board, rather than a committee, for updates or to discuss action as the need arises so that everyone has the same information.

CPRA: Mr. Hassinger reported that the CPRA issued the draft annual plan for 2015. In addition, the CPRA Board approved the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Orleans Levee District and Lake Borgne Basin Levee District with respect to additional costs for the non-federal (Forty Arpent) levee certification.

Governmental Affairs: Mr. Doody noted that a listing of proposed legislative bills considered priority and being tracked by SLFPA-E was distributed to Board members.

Coastal Advisory Committee: Mr. Kemp reported that the Coastal Advisory Committee met on February 21st. The Committee received a presentation on small dredge technology and an update on Mardi Gras Pass from Dr. Lopez and discussed additional efforts on the part of the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) for an operational gage on the GIWW Barge Gate in order to have real time gages on both ends of the IHNC system and levee instrumentation. The Committee will meet on March 21st and receive a presentation from the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation on the Systems Analysis Approach to Flood Protection and to continue the discussion on instrumentation.

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Mr. Turner reviewed the highlights of the Regional Director's Report (copy appended to the minutes). He advised that several Board members recently toured the IHNC Surge Barrier. A resolution will be considered by the Board at today's meeting requesting that the USACE do the environmental study that is required in order to consider allowing the Barge Gate to remain closed during hurricane season. This issue will be discussed with members of the Congressional delegation and USACE leadership in Washington, D.C., later this month. A meeting was held with representatives from USGS to discuss the current velocity meter at Seabrook. An agreement is being prepared between the USGS and SLFPA-E to keep the instrumentation on line for real time data at Seabrook. The USACE will continue to maintain the current velocity meter at the IHNC Surge Barrier and will provide the SLFPA-E with access to the near real-time data. The USACE will not continue to operate and maintain the water level gages and have turned these gages over to the SLFPA-E.

EXECUTIVE SESSION:

1. (A) In re: Plaquemines Land Company, through its Successors in Interest, Carolyn C. LeBlanc, Nathan Carmadelle, Gustave W. Carmadelle, Jr., Laurnece C. Chantrey, Margaret C. Guidry, Trustees of the Arlene and Joseph Meraux Charitable Foundation, and Anne Pearson Potts v. Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, No. 55-774, Division "B", 25th Judicial District for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)

(B) Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East on Behalf of the Orleans Levee District v. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, No. 563586, Section 25, 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)

(C) In re: Plaquemines Land Company, through its Successors in Interest, Carolyn C. LeBlanc, Nathan Carmadelle, Gustave W. Carmadelle, Jr., Laurnece C. Chantrey, Margaret C. Guidry, Trustees of the Arlene and Joseph Meraux

Charitable Foundation, and Anne Pearson Potts v. Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, Docket No. 61-051, Division “A”, 25th Judicial District for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)

2. (A) The Heirs of Dr. Thomas Burt v. Orleans Levee District, Docket No. 58-217, Division “B”, 25th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)

(B) Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East on Behalf of the Orleans Levee District v. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, Docket No. 561174, Section 26, 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)
3. (A) Union Benevolent Association v. Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the Division of Administration, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 59-384, Division B, 25th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)

(B) Union Benevolent Association v. Louisiana Department of Natural Resources through its Secretary, Scott A. Angelle, Docket No. 540151, Division B, 19th Judicial District Court for the Parish of East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana (Bohemia)
4. Yacht Homes of Gabriel, LLC v. East Jefferson Levee District, 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, No. 626-181 Div. “P”
5. Yacht Homes of Gabriel, LLC and Bryan G. Krantz v. East Jefferson Levee District, 24th Judicial District Court, Parish of Jefferson, No. 688-793 Div. “F”

A motion was offered by Mr. Wittie, seconded by Mr. Tilly and unanimously adopted, for the Board to meet in Executive Session to discuss the items listed on the agenda. The Board convened in Executive Session at 11:50 a.m.

A motion was offered by Mr. Wittie, seconded by Mr. Estopinal and unanimously adopted, to reconvene in Regular Session. The Board reconvened in regular session at 12:50 p.m.

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-02 – LEGAL ACTION

On the motion of Mr. Luettich,
Seconded by Mr. Angers, the following resolution was offered:

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East follow the advice of counsel in the case entitled, “Union Benevolent Association v. Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District and the Division of Administration, State of Louisiana, Docket No. 59-384, Division B, 25th Judicial District Court for the Parish of Plaquemines, State of Louisiana”.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

NEW BUSINESS:

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-03 - APPROVAL OF LEGAL INVOICES

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,
Seconded by Mr. Estopinal, 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 March 20, 2014", 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 provided to members of the Legal Committee.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the legal invoices listed on the spreadsheet entitled "Legal Invoices Approved on March 20, 2014" are hereby approved.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-04 - RENEWAL OF PUBLIC OFFICIALS LIABILITY AND EMPLOYMENT PRACTICES LIABILITY INSURANCE COVERAGE

Mr. Doody advised that the renewal of Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability Insurance coverage with ACE was reviewed and recommended by the Finance Committee.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East's (SLFPA-E) Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Coverage is due to expire on March 16, 2014; and

WHEREAS, a quotation for renewal of said coverage has been received from ACE through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services at an annual premium of \$62,534.85.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the renewal of Public Officials Liability and Employment Practices Liability Insurance Coverage with ACE at an annual premium of \$62,534.85 for a period of one year through Arthur Gallagher Risk Management Services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SFLPA-E Regional Director is authorized to execute 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. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-05 – APPROVAL OF SLFPA-E FY 2015 BUDGET

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 including estimated operating revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015:

**SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
TWELVE MONTHS ENDING JUNE 30, 2015 BUDGET**

REVENUES:

Investment income	100
Cost sharing allocations from affiliates	1,359,000
CDBG Grant Income	402,300
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TOTAL REVENUES	1,761,400
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EXPENSES:

Personnel services	602,800
Travel	40,900
Contractual services	148,600
Materials and supplies	15,000
Furniture and Equipment	35,000
Professional Services	142,500
Miscellaneous Expense	5,100
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates	369,100
CDBG Grant Expenditures	402,300
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	1,761,300

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,761,300
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NET CHANGE IN FUND BALANCE	100
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FUND BALANCE IN BEGINNING OF YEAR	280,049
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FUND BALANCE AT END OF YEAR

280,149

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities.

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2014, reviewed and recommended approval of the SLFPA-E Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 General Operating Budget for the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-06 - APPROVAL OF LBBLD FY 2015 BUDGET

Mr. Luettich noted that the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District's (LBBLD) expenditures are almost \$500,000 more than its revenues and that the LBBLD is balancing its budget by tapping into its fund balance. Mr. Doody advised that he has discussed this situation with Jerome Zeringue, CPRA Chair, and that the on-going operations and maintenance will need to be addressed.

On the motion of Mr. Tilly,

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPAE) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District, including estimated revenues and expenditures, and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015:

**LAKE BORGNE BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
PROPOSED BUDGET
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2015**

REVENUES:

Taxes	\$	3,500,000
Intergovernmental		1,330,000
Insurance proceeds		
Charges for services:		
Permits		3,000
Rents and leases		

Oil and gas royalties	
Investment income	7,500
Cost sharing allocations from affiliates	
Miscellaneous	
Total revenues	<u>4,840,500</u>

EXPENDITURES

FLOOD AND DRAINAGE PROTECTION:

Personnel services	2,470,750
Travel	2,800
Contractual services	153,000
Materials and supplies	414,700
Professional services	360,200
Other charges	1,594,050
Cost sharing allocations to affiliates	175,000
Machinery and equipment	155,000
Hurricane expenses	
Total expenditures	<u>5,325,500</u>
Excess of revenues over expenditures	<u>(485,000)</u>

OTHER FINANCING SOURCES (USES) 0

NET CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES (485,000)

CASH BALANCE AT BEGINNING OF YEAR 4,000,000

CASH BALANCE AT END OF YEAR \$ 3,515,000

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2014, reviewed and recommended approval of the LBBLD Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 Budget for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-07 - APPROVAL OF O.L.D. FY 2015 BUDGET

Mr. Doody pointed out that a reserve will be set up to start to address the Orleans Levee District's (O.L.D.) future liability for retired employees' health insurance benefits. The obligation is recognized in the annual audit report. Mr. Turner noted that the O.L.D. will also begin setting aside \$2 million per year in order to fund the major maintenance that will be required on a ten year cycle on the IHNC Surge Barrier and Seabrook Complex structures. Mr. Doody advised that funding for the payback of the local cost share for the HSDRRS has not been included in the levee districts' budgets since it is the SLFPA-E's understanding that the CPRA is obligated to pay this expense. Mr. Turner also noted that the budget does not currently include the on-going non-federal levee certification effort; therefore, a future amendment to the budget may be required.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 for the Orleans Levee District, including estimated revenues and expenditures; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budgets for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015:

**ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
 BUDGETS
 FOR FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 - JUNE 30, 2015**

	GENERAL FUND	SPECIAL LEVEE IMPR FUND	COMBINED
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes	17,528,000	15,411,000	32,939,000
Intergovernmental Revenue	750,000	-	750,000
Interest Income	8,000	50,000	58,000
Oil & Gas Royalties	222,500	-	222,500
Rents & Other Income	135,300	2,550	137,850
Total Revenue	18,643,800	15,463,550	34,107,350
EXPENDITURES			
Personal Services	10,723,450	-	10,723,450
Contractual Services	3,312,350	-	3,312,350
Materials & Supplies	892,640	-	892,640
Professional & Technical Services	345,600	500,000	845,600

Cost Allocations & Miscellaneous	377,950	-	377,950
Machinery & Equipment	1,055,200	-	1,055,200
Capital Outlays	-	17,975,000	17,975,000
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	16,707,190	18,475,000	35,182,190
Income Before Other Sources (Uses)	1,936,610	(3,011,450)	(1,074,840)
	GENERAL	SPECIAL	
	FUND	LEVEE	
		IMPR	
		FUND	COMBINED
OPEB Expense	(1,273,282)	-	(1,273,282)
Debt Service	-	-	-
Legal Settlements	(250,000)	-	(250,000)
Transfer Provision for Surge Barriers	-	(2,000,000)	(2,000,000)
CHANGES IN FUND BALANCES	413,328	(5,011,450)	(4,598,122)
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	34,133,767	63,135,537	97,219,304
FUND BALANCES AT END OF YEAR	34,547,095	58,124,087	92,671,182

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2014, reviewed and recommended approval of the Orleans Levee District General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015, and the approval of the Special Levee Improvement Fund (SLIP Fund) budget for that same fiscal year.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East approves the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2015 General Fund and SLIP Fund Budgets for the Orleans Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-08 - APPROVAL OF EJLD FY 2015 BUDGET

Mr. Turner pointed out that \$21 million has been included in the budget for the construction of the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) consolidated safehouse/administration facility.

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPAE) has reviewed financial projections for Fiscal Year 2015 for the East Jefferson Levee District, including estimated operating revenues and expenditures, and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required as detailed by the line item budget for Fiscal Year 2015:

	General Fund	Levee Improvement Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes Collected	8,800,000		8,800,000
State Revenue Sharing Funds	510,000		510,000
Interest and Dividend Permit	350,000	250,000	600,000
30% Transfer of Ad Valorem	18,000		18,000
	(2,640,000)	2,640,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	7,038,000	2,890,000	9,928,000
EXPENDITURES			
Administrative & Executive Levee Maintenance	1,259,588	135,000	1,394,588
Police	3,001,563	575,000	3,576,563
	2,331,852		2,331,852
Sheriff Pension Costs	390,000		390,000
Capital Outlays	286,800	21,000,000	21,286,800
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,269,803	21,710,000	28,979,803
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(231,803)	(18,820,000)	(19,051,803)
BEGINNING FUND	13,731,894	20,846,163	34,578,057

BALANCES

ENDING FUND BALANCES	13,450,091	2,026,163	15,526,254
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WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District is mandated to submit an approved budget by April 1, 2014, to the Joint Legislative Committee on the Budget and other various oversight authorities; and

WHEREAS, the Finance Committee at its meeting held on March 7, 2014, reviewed and recommended approval of the EJLD Budget for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2015.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E approves the Fiscal Year 2015 General Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2015 Levee Improvement Budget for the East Jefferson Levee District.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-09 - IHNC SURGE BARRIER BY-PASS BARGE GATE

Mr. Doody noted that the IHNC Surge Barrier Barge Gate is the biggest challenge faced by the SLFPA-E in providing flood protection. He commented on the difficulties that can be encountered when operating the gate. He pointed out that at the time that the IHNC Surge Barrier Sector and Barge Gates were designed there was no planned gate closure at Seabrook.

On the motion of Mr. Estopinal,

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

WHEREAS, the 1.8 mile-long Inner Harbor Navigation Canal (IHNC)-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier was constructed by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) near the confluence of the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway (GIWW) and the Mississippi River Gulf Outlet (MRGO) as part of the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS) to reduce risks associated with a storm surge that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year (100-year storm surge); and

WHEREAS, the IHNC-Lake Borgne Surge Barrier reduces risks for some of the areas hardest hit by Hurricane Katrina, including New Orleans East, metro New Orleans, Gentilly, the Ninth Ward and St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, a 150-ft. wide Sector Gate and 150-ft. wide By-pass Barge Gate have been constructed at the location where the barrier crosses the GIWW to allow maritime traffic to pass through the barrier; and

WHEREAS, the Barge Gate was originally designed to serve as a temporary by-pass route for shallow draft navigation on the GIWW while the Sector Gate was

under construction and during periods when the Sector Gate is dewatered for inspection, repair and maintenance purposes; and

WHEREAS, the USACE's original intent was for the Barge Gate to remain closed except during the construction of the Sector Gate and during other periods when the Sector Gate is closed to navigation; and

WHEREAS, the Water Management Plan developed by the USACE now calls for the Barge Gate to remain open throughout hurricane season until a tropical storm or hurricane is within 96 hours of the metropolitan New Orleans area; and

WHEREAS, the Water Management Plan developed by the USACE also calls for reopening the Barge Gate after the tropical storm or hurricane threat passes; and

WHEREAS, the closure of the Barge Gate is a complex process requiring inspection of the gate's underwater sill and adjacent channel area by divers, and potentially the removal of debris or other materials that could damage the gate and interfere with its closure; and

WHEREAS, potential problems that could hinder or prevent the timely closure of the gate include, but are not limited to, winds, currents and surge associated with storms that form just south of the Louisiana coast and quickly move ashore; pump failures that affect ballasting and de-ballasting operations; winch or chain failures that would prevent a controlled closure operation; and human error; and

WHEREAS, in the event the Barge Gate cannot be closed by normal means, the assistance of a tug is required to attempt to effect the gate closure; and

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East is deeply concerned about the potential for catastrophic flooding should the closure of the Barge Gate not be completed.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East requests that the USACE take the necessary actions to revise the Independent Environmental Report (IER) and Water Management Plan to allow the IHNC By-pass Barge Gate to remain in the closed position throughout the hurricane season.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-10 - FLOOD INSURANCE REFORM COALITION

Mr. Doody commented on the efforts being made to address the potential impact of the Biggert-Waters Act on flood insurance rates.

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,

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

WHEREAS, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) was created by Congress in 1968 to enable property owners to purchase affordable insurance from the government against losses from flooding; and

WHEREAS, the Biggert-Waters Flood Insurance Reform Act of 2012 (BW12), which reauthorized the NFIP, was intended to bring about changes to make the program economically sound and long-term sustainable; and

WHEREAS, the unintended consequences of the implementation of BW12, along with regulatory issues related to the creation of the Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRMs) and the administration of the NFIP by FEMA, result in significant and unrealistic increases in insurance rates nationwide making commercial and residential properties uninsurable and potentially taking said properties out of commerce; and

WHEREAS, Dwayne Bourgeois, Executive Director of the North Lafourche Levee District and Committee Chair of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's NFIP/DFIRM Committee, and a group of individuals from Louisiana, have worked diligently to educate and inform members of Congress and the public concerning the devastating impacts of BW12 and to address regulatory and administrative issues in the NFIP with FEMA; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of a Flood Insurance Reform Coalition (FIRC or Coalition) has been proposed to continue the efforts of Mr. Bourgeois and others in petitioning Congress to pass corrective legislation to negate the unintended consequences of BW12, and to work with FEMA to address the regulatory and administrative issues in the management of the NFIP, in order to create a strong viable NFIP; and

WHEREAS, the FIRC will include participation by diverse interested parties such as local governmental entities, coastal homeowners and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the formation of the Coalition will allow the engagement of consultants in Washington, DC, to provide guidance and advocacy in the aforementioned efforts; and

WHEREAS, members of the FIRC are requested to pledge \$5,000 to support the efforts of the Coalition, which shall be payable upon its formal organization; and

WHEREAS, the formal creation of the FIRC will be documented through the execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East expresses its support for the creation of the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition and pledges funding in the amount of \$5,000 to support FIRC's efforts.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E President is hereby authorized to execute the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for the creation of the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition and any and all documents necessary to accomplish the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None
 ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-11 - EJLD FY'14 BUDGET REVISIONS

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

WHEREAS, a review of the operating results to date indicates that budget revisions to the East Jefferson Levee District Operating Budget for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2014 are necessary to comply with applicable state law, which requires that budgets be changed to reflect new expectations; and

WHEREAS, funding in the following amounts is required for Fiscal Year 2014:

	General Fund	Levee Improvement Fund	Total (Memorandum Only)
REVENUES			
Ad Valorem Taxes Collected	8,800,000		8,800,000
State Revenue Sharing Funds	510,000		510,000
Interest and Dividend Permit	350,000	500,000	850,000
Fema Income/Misc. Income	18,000		18,000
30% Transfer of Ad Valorem	183,065		183,065
	(2,640,000)	2,640,000	0
TOTAL REVENUES	7,221,065	3,140,000	10,361,065
EXPENDITURES			
Administrative & Executive	1,564,960	135,000	1,699,960
Levee Maintenance	2,769,187	175,000	2,944,187
Police	2,175,738		2,175,738
Sheriff Pension Costs	390,000		390,000
Capital Outlays	598,956	2,350,000	2,948,956
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	7,498,841	2,660,000	10,158,841
EXCESS OF REVENUES OVER EXPENDITURES	(277,776)	480,000	202,224
BEGINNING FUND	14,009,670	20,366,163	34,375,833

BALANCES

ENDING FUND BALANCES	13,731,894	20,846,163	34,578,057
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BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the revisions to the East Jefferson Levee District Fiscal Year 2014 Operating Budget and the Fiscal Year 2014 Levee Improvement Budget is approved.

The foregoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon was as follows:
YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich, Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie
NAYS: None
ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-12 - EXPROPRIATION FOR EJLD SAFEHOUSE AND CONSOLIDATED FACILITIES

Fran Campbell, EJLD Executive Director, advised that one of the properties being expropriated is the Tumblin Lounge.

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

WHEREAS, the East Jefferson Levee District proposes to construct a Safehouse and Consolidated Facilities for the safe harbor of its employees during storm events and the consolidation of its facilities (the Project); and

WHEREAS, the Project furthers the purpose of flood and hurricane protection, and will greatly enhance the protection of persons and property within the territorial jurisdiction of SLFPAE; and

WHEREAS, certain lands, easements, or rights-of-way are required for the construction, operation, or maintenance of the Project (the Required Property); and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:306 and 38:351, the East Jefferson Levee District may acquire and/or expropriate land, easements, and rights-of-way needed for levee purposes, including for flooding and hurricane protection purposes, within its territorial jurisdiction;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the East Jefferson Levee District, by its Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East, by its President is hereby authorized and directed to acquire any and all of the Required Property in Jefferson Parish identified in the files of the East Jefferson Levee District as being necessary for the Project, as described in those files and as the descriptions thereof may change from time to time through the date of such acquisition, for the public purpose of improving the hurricane protection in the Parish of Jefferson through construction, operation, and maintenance of the Project. The District is hereby authorized to acquire said properties in fee simple less minerals, as a temporary or permanent servitude, or through right of use. The District is hereby authorized and directed to acquire said properties by any due and

lawful means, either amicably by offer and acceptance or if necessary by expropriation pursuant to La. R.S. 38:351, et seq.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority is hereby authorized and directed to execute any and all documents, and to take any and all actions necessary to carry out the foregoing.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-13 - ORLEANS LEVEE DISTRICT
PROPERTY HAZARD (WIND/FIRE) INSURANCE COVERAGE RENEWAL**

Mr. Doody advised that the Finance Committee reviewed and recommended the renewal of Property Hazard Insurance Coverage with AmRisc.

On the motion of Mr. Tilly,

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

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Flood Protection Division's Property Hazard Insurance coverage is due to expire on April 20, 2014; and

WHEREAS, Eagan Insurance Agency shopped the market for said coverage and received a risk pool renewal quote from AmRisc, the incumbent carrier; and

WHEREAS, AmRisc has offered coverage through a non-admitted layered assigned named insurance risk provider pool at an annual premium of \$379,470 for \$39,739,693 dollars in coverage, with a \$25,000 deductible AOP per occurrence or a five percent (5%) deductible per building insured value for named storms (wind/hail), subject to a \$100,000 minimum deductible; and

WHEREAS, the total estimated annual cost for the renewal of property insurance coverage is \$379,470 inclusive of surplus line policy taxes.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes the procurement of Property Hazard (wind/fire) Insurance coverage for properties under the jurisdiction of the O.L.D. Flood Protection Division from AmRisc, as stated above, at an estimated annual cost of \$379,470 for a period of one year, commencing on April 20, 2014 and expiring on April 20, 2015, and authorizes the O.L.D. Executive Director to execute 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. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-14 –
AWARD OF CONTRACT FOR CBD MISSISSIPPI RIVER VEGETATION REMOVAL**

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

WHEREAS, the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) has been tasked by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers with vegetation removal along the Mississippi River Floodwall in the Central Business District of New Orleans from roughly Canal Street to Poydras Street; and

WHEREAS, the Vegetation Removal Project was advertised and two bids were received as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
Hamp’s Construction, LLC	\$99,499.00
Holliday Construction, LLC	\$248,000.00

WHEREAS, funds for this project are available in the approved FY 2014 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$99,499.00 to Hamp’s Construction, LLC, and the establishment of a budget in the amount of \$120,000 to include contingencies, for the Vegetation Removal Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the O.L.D. Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount of \$99,499.00 with Hamp’s Construction, LLC, and to execute any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

**RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-15 - LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN SEAWALL EROSION
CONTROL REACH 4 AND 5 PROJECT – AWARD OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT**

Gerry Gillen, O.L.D. Executive Director, explained that the project had to be rebid and the scope of work reduced in order to bring the project within the estimated budget. Walter Baudier, President of Design Engineering, Inc. added that the lowest responsive bid was \$173,000 under the project budget estimate.

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

WHEREAS, there are areas between the Lake Pontchartrain Seawall and Lakeshore Drive that are experiencing erosion and said erosion is frequently making Lakeshore Drive between Floodgate L-13 and Franklin Avenue impassable for days after winter storms; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Pontchartrain Seawall Erosion Control Reach 4 and 5 Project was advertised and five bids were received as follows:

Bidding Contractors	Total Base Bid Price
TKTMJ, Inc.	\$6,718,518.00
Hamp's Construction LLC	\$6,848,975.70
Fleming Construction Company LLC	\$6,994,840.25
Hard Rock Construction, LLC	\$7,187,950.00
Wallace C. Drennan, Inc.	\$7,244,265.10

WHEREAS, funds for this project are available from the approved FY 2014 and 2015 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budget.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority–East authorizes the award of a contract in the amount of \$6,718,518.00 to TKTMJ, Inc., and the establishment of a budget in the amount of \$7,500,000 to include contingencies, for the Lake Pontchartrain Seawall Erosion Control Reach 4 and 5 Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Orleans Levee District Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute a contract in the amount of \$6,718,518.00 with TKTMJ, Inc., and any and all other documents necessary to accomplish the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-16 – O.L.D. SEAWALL EROSION CONTROL PROJECT REACH 4 AND 5 CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION, TESTING AND RESIDENT INSPECTION

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

WHEREAS, the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) by Resolution No. 12-16-10-07 authorized an agreement to extend the Lakeshore Drive Improvements Professional Agreement for Engineering Services with Design Engineering, Inc. (DEI) dated March 17, 1987 for the Seawall Erosion Area Projects limited to Reaches 1B, 4 and 5; and

WHEREAS, bids were received for the construction of Reaches 4 and 5 and DEI proposed to provide Construction Administration, Resident Inspection Services and

Testing Services in a total amount of \$701,778.64 (\$444,626.19 for Construction Administration and \$257,152.45 for Resident Inspection Services); and

WHEREAS, funds for these services are available from the approved FY 2014 and 2015 Special Levee Improvement Fund Budgets.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes a Supplemental Agreement with Design Engineering, Inc. in the total amount of \$701,778.64 for the aforementioned services.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the O.L.D. Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the Supplemental Agreement and any and all other documents necessary to carry out the above.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

ABSTAINED: Mr. Hassinger

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-17 - AGREEMENT WITH PORT OF NEW ORLEANS REGARDING IHNC WEST FLOODWALL

Mr. Estopinal explained that the survey initially presented by the Port of New Orleans did not meet the State's standards for a right-of-way acquisition. The survey was amended to include additional information and now meets the State's requirements.

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

WHEREAS, the Industrial Canal Project was authorized by the Louisiana Legislature by Act 244 of 1914 and provided for the Co-Operation of the Board of Commissioners of the Port of New Orleans, the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District, the City of New Orleans and the Public Belt Railroad; and

WHEREAS, Act 203 of 1916 provided the Port of New Orleans (Port) power and authority to enter into contracts and agreements with the Board of Commissioners of the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) to construct and maintain levees and embankments over, in the bed and on the shores of Lake Pontchartrain and along the canals to the Mississippi River simultaneous with the construction of said Canal; and

WHEREAS, three agreements were executed between the two agencies that committed \$925,000 annually by the O.L.D. to the Port for 50 years for the repayment of bonds and the construction of permanent levees, including land and property, and for maintenance and repairs; and

WHEREAS, the operation and maintenance of the Industrial Canal levees was turned over to the O.L.D. after the expiration of the fifty-year agreements; and

WHEREAS, no survey rights-of-way have been recorded for the aforementioned levee sections.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E) approves the agreement with the Port of New Orleans granting the Orleans Levee District a servitude and right-of-way over a portion of Port of New Orleans property along a floodwall beginning at the west bank of the Inner Harbor Navigation Canal, north of Florida Avenue and extending westward, crossing France Road (the “France Road Floodwall”), as shown on survey by Gandolfo Kuhn, LLC, dated September 30, 2013, as last revised March 18, 2014, drawing No. T-238–C, for the purpose of conducting the operation, maintenance, improvement, repair, replacement and patrol of the France Road floodwall.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the SLFPA-E President or the O.L.D. Executive Director is hereby authorized to execute the aforementioned agreement with the Port of New Orleans, subject to approval by the SLFPA-E General Counsel.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-18 - LBBLD/ CPRA AMENDMENT NO. 1
HOPEDALE HYDROLOGIC RESTORATION PROJECT (O&M) AGREEMENT

Nick Cali, LBBLD Executive Director, advised that the amendment would continue an existing agreement to operate and maintain the Hopedale Hydrological Restoration structure on a reimbursement basis for the CPRA.

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,

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

WHEREAS, the Hopedale Hydrologic Restoration Project (PO-24) was constructed and became operational in 2004, and was designed to relieve impounding problems in the marsh to the north and south of the Bayou La Loutre ridge near Yscloskey in St. Bernard Parish; and

WHEREAS, the Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration (OCPR) and the United States Department of Commerce National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) constructed the project in accordance with the U.S. Department of Commerce NOAA Cooperative Agreement No. NA07FZ0008; and

WHEREAS, the Memorandum of said agreement, fully executed on February 10, 1999, specifies the arrangement between parties to execute and fund long term project activities, i.e., operation and maintenance (O&M); and

WHEREAS, the 3,805 acre project is located southeast of Yscloskey, in St. Bernard Parish, Louisiana, and is bordered by LA Hwy 46 on the west, the MRGO spoil

depository area to the north, and LA Hwy 624 and Bayou La Loutre to the south and the east; and

WHEREAS, OCPR, also known as the Coastal Restoration and Protection Authority (CPRA), asked that the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) maintain the structure on its behalf; and

WHEREAS, as per Resolution No. 06-16-11-18, the LBBLD executed CPRA Agreement No. 2511-11-08, Hopedale Hydrologic Restoration Project (O&M), which was effective March 1, 2011; and

WHEREAS, under said agreement, CPRA reimburses LBBLD for 100 percent of the O&M costs incurred; and

WHEREAS, said agreement has expired; and

WHEREAS, Amendment No. 1 to CPRA Agreement No. 2511-11-08, Hopedale Hydrologic Restoration Project (O&M) adds \$27,760 to the original contract sum and extends the expiration date to March 1, 2016; and

WHEREAS, the LBBLD received the amendment on February 26, 2014 and CPRA asked that it be executed and returned by February 27, 2014.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority – East does hereby authorize and ratify the LBBLD Executive Director’s execution of Amendment No. 1 to CPRA Agreement No. 2511-11-08, Hopedale Hydrologic Restoration Project (O&M).

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

RESOLUTION NO. 03-20-14-19 - AUTHORIZATION OF CEA BETWEEN SBPG & LBBLD RE: SBPG’s BOATHOUSE PROJECT IN RELATION TO USE OF THE 40 ARPENT CANAL AND ROW

Mr. Doody explained that the project will serve a useful purpose by allowing citizens to see the importance of the wetlands.

On the motion of Mr. Wittie,

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

WHEREAS, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (District) and the St. Bernard Parish Government (SBPG) are each political subdivisions of the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Article VII, Section 14 of the Louisiana Constitution provides, in part, that “for a public purpose the State and its political subdivisions or political corporations may engage in cooperative endeavors with each other . . .or with any public or private association, corporation or individual”; and

WHEREAS, the District has a legal servitude and general jurisdiction over the 40 Arpent/Florida Walkway Canal (hereinafter “the 40 Arpent Canal”) and;

WHEREAS, the SBPG has secured grant funds to build/construct a boathouse, a lagoon, an access road and a pedestrian bridge to facilitate the use of the 40 Arpent Canal and Bayou Bienvenue for recreational purposes (hereinafter “the Boathouse Project”); and

WHEREAS, the lagoon from the boathouse will connect to the 40 Arpent Canal; and

WHEREAS, the members of the public will only traverse the lagoon from the boathouse into the 40 Arpent Canal on kayaks and other non-motorized recreational boats; and

WHEREAS, the pedestrian bridge will be constructed partially on property that the SBPG has leased from the Meraux Foundation and partially on the District’s right-of-way that is adjacent to the 40 Arpent Canal; and

WHEREAS, the access road will be constructed on property that the SBPG has leased from the Meraux Foundation and will not be located on any District property or any District right-of-way; and

WHEREAS, the Boathouse Project will benefit the citizens of St. Bernard Parish and the general public; and

WHEREAS, the SBPG will obtain all necessary permits as required by the District prior to beginning any construction of a boathouse, lagoon, access road and/or pedestrian bridge to facilitate the use of the 40 Arpent Canal and Bayou Bienvenue for recreational purposes; and

WHEREAS, prior to beginning construction of the Boathouse Project, the SBPG will obtain authority, permission or permits from all necessary persons and agencies, including but not limited to, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development (DOTD), if such permission or permits are necessary; and

WHEREAS, in order to protect the interests and clarify the obligations of both parties, prior to commencement of construction of the Boathouse Project, the SBPG and the District wish to execute a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement.

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East authorizes Lake Borgne Basin Levee District through its Executive Director to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the SBPG and the District relative to the Boathouse Project.

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

YEAS: Mr. Angers, Mr. Estopinal, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. Luettich,
Mr. McHugh, Mr. Tilly and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: None

The next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on April 17, 2014 and hosted by the EJLD. There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.

SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY - EAST

REGIONAL DIRECTOR'S REPORT

March 20, 2014

HSDRRS Project Status Update

IHNC-02 - Lake Borgne Surge Barrier Complex

The NCC was issued Dec. 6, 2013, and a final Punch List Inspection held Feb. 6. The Orleans Levee District (OLD) conducted its second barge exercise March 10 and will continue to do so on the second Monday of each month. A notification system developed to keep the Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), the U.S. Coast Guard and the navigation industry informed of these exercises is operational.

IHNC-01- Seabrook Complex The NCC was issued Dec. 6, 2013. The Corps is reviewing the CPRA report on Vertical Lift Gate paint problems. A site visit is planned for March 21.

LPV-01.2 - Foreshore Protection Reaches 1&2 The Corps is preparing a scope of work (SOW) in order to seek contractor proposals for repair of substantial erosion along the landward interface between the rock and the soil embankment. On March 13, SLFPAE, CPRA and East Jefferson Levee District met with the Corps on-site to determine the limits of that work, and when complete, we will review the draft SOW. Previous Corps' efforts to repair this area failed, and the agency postponed NCC issuance until spring.

LPV-105.02- T-wall monolith replacement across from the Lakefront Airport was completed Feb. 17 and the NCC issued Feb 26, 2014.

LPV-109.02a - Levee Enlargement for South Point to CXS Railroad and US11 and US 90 Floodgates Plans to repair problems resulting from excessive settlement of the Highway 11 floodgate, which could involve degrading the floodside berm, are being prepared by a Corps consultant. Meanwhile, the start of work to repair to the emergency by-pass road adjacent to the gate at Hwy. 11 is imminent.

LPV-111 - CSX RR to Michoud Canal New surveys show approximately 6,000 linear feet of levee is currently below design grade. The Corps plans to add up to 12 inches of fill to these low areas. A construction package for this work will be advertised for 30 days starting later this month. This work will delay the NCC.

LPV-144 - Bayou Dupre The new pintle bushing is installed in the east leaf of the Sector Gate and the gate hinge aligned. The gate should be placed back on the pintle this week and the project complete by April 15.

LPV-145A - Bayou Bienvenue Bridge The contractor will mobilize to the site later this month. The work is scheduled for completion by Hurricane Season 2015.

LPV-149 - Caenarvon Structure The Corps is investigating paint peeling off the floodside skin plate of the Sector Gates.

LPV-149AR - Access Road at Caenarvon Inclement weather delayed the planned Feb. 19 completion of this project, and construction continues.

LPV-149A - Floodwall Tie-in to the MRL at Caenarvon The contractor demolished floodwall monoliths and drove all piles. Work on the monolith base slab started this week and all construction is scheduled to finish by May 22.

Outfall Canals - The work to install more sheet pile along the London Ave Canal and the west side of the 17th St. Canal (OFC-07) was awarded Feb. 28 and a notice to proceed issued the week of March 10. The Corps will look at ways to accelerate this project, which is behind schedule, in part, because a contractor protested the original award.

As part of an environmental assessment, the 17th Street Canal bank protection project (OFC-08) is undergoing 30 days of public review that will end March 28.

Permanent Canal Closures and Pumps (PCCP) - Construction continues on this HSDRRS project. Please check the New Orleans District web site www.mvn.usace.army.mil/missions/hsdrrs/pccp.aspx for daily updates and more information.

Armoring - The Armoring Engineering Alternative Report (EAR), which identifies the levee reaches to be armored, were recently provided to the Non Federal Sponsor to make written comments by March 28. The award of system-wide armoring installation contracts is scheduled to begin in July of this year. SLFPA-E and SLFPA-W are currently investigating with the Corps the possibility of raising some of these levees, at local cost, before they are armored. Raising in advance of armoring could ultimately save taxpayers millions of dollars.

Mississippi River Projects

All levee work in the Carrollton Project from the Orleans-Jefferson line to the Audubon Park area is finished, and the multi-use path (bike path) is scheduled for completion in mid-April. The path will be open for use once it passes a final inspection.

The Jefferson Heights levee-raising project is underway in East Jefferson. Work is being done on 5,000 feet of levee at a time, starting at the Jefferson-Orleans line and progressing toward the Jefferson-St. Charles Parish line.

SBPS - 07 – Repairs to LBBLD Pump Stations #2 and #3 The schedule for award of the construction contract slipped from February to June 2014.

Internal Affairs

Non-Federal Levee Certification

Geotechnical field investigations and lab tests have been completed in Orleans and St. Bernard, but land surveying continues.

The initial sheet pile testing and assessment report for the 40-Arpent Levee indicates that a 2,500 linear foot section of piling requires spot repairs.

Alternative designs for a new closure at the Shrimp Factory in St. Bernard were developed by the consultant and discussed with the property owner. The preliminary cost estimate for this work is about \$3 million. We have requested \$2 million in state capital outlay to help finance the project.

We meet monthly with our consultant to discuss progress of repairs and alternate closures.

Complex Structure Training The Orleans Levee District hired several new employees for the complex structures staff. Our personnel train weekly to become more familiar with operation and maintenance of the complex gated HSDRRS navigational structures.

Communications Representatives of SLFPA-E, the Coast Guard and the maritime industry met informally last week to discuss the coordinated communications among our agencies that are required in advance of the monthly exercising of the GIWW Sector and By Pass gates. During the meeting SLFPAE requested, we also talked about a communications plan during the 2014 hurricane season. It was a good relationship-building session that will enhance critical communications in the future.

Emergency Preparedness The Mississippi River level at the Carrollton Gage in New Orleans is approximately 7½' and expected to drop below 5' in the next 30 days.

Seawall Erosion Protection Project (Reaches 1A, 1C, 2A, 2C, 2D, 3A, 3B, 3C, and 5B) Thirteen Requests For Qualifications were submitted for the design phase of this project; three are shortlisted for interviews on April 3.

Meetings and Items of Note:

The CPRA board will meet in regular session on March, 26 at 9:30 am in the LaSalle Building's LaBelle Room, 617 N. Third St. in Baton Rouge.

Levee District Construction Projects:

Project	District	Status	Comments
Seawall Steps Erosion – Phase 1B	OLD	60% complete	NC
OLD Franklin Facility Parking Lot Improvements Landscaping Plan	OLD	20% complete	NC
IHNC Florida Ave. Bridge Sheet Pile	OLD	35% complete	
Floodgate & Floodwall Repairs	OLD	5% complete	Notice to Proceed issued
MRT and IHNC Vegetation Removal	OLD	0% complete	Work delayed due to high river crest.
MRT Poydras to Canal vegetation removal	OLD	0% complete	Contract award by March Board resolution

Levee District Project Designs and Studies

Project	District	Comments
Lakefront Seawall Area Reach , 4&5	OLD	Reach 4&5 design complete; Construction Administration/ Board approval pending
Lakefront Seawall Area Reach 2B	OLD	Design 20% complete
Floodgate Seal Repairs	OLD	Design complete; construction administration 5%
IHNC St. Claude Bridge Drainage	OLD	Design 10% complete.
Phase 1 for engine upgrades at Pump Stations 1&4 HMGP approved by FEMA	LBBLD	Design contract awarded; 5% complete project ongoing
Phase 1 for Safe Room Design HMGP approved by FEMA	LBBLD	Design submitted to FEMA Region 6 for Phase 2 approval
Pump Station #6 pump repair and hangers at P.S. #7	LBBLD	P&S at 100%; advertise when erosion control project is complete
Pump Station #6 Erosion Repair	LBBLD	P&S at 100%; advertise for construction bids in April 2014
Floodgate #9 renovation	LBBLD	P&S at 100%; advertise for construction bids in April 2014
Safe house & Consolidated Facility	EJLD	Planning meeting w/architect produced a schedule & path forward to include regular progress meetings w/SLFPAE staff & status reports to the committee. Act of sale documents for purchase of airport property is with the City of New Orleans awaiting the Mayor's signature.
PM Support to LBBLD Staff for HMGP Projects	LBBLD	Ongoing; provides staff augmentation for LBBLD HMGP projects.