

**MINUTES OF THE
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY – EAST
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 7, 2014**

The Special Board Meeting of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority - East (Authority or SLFPA-E) was held on Thursday, August 7, 2014, at the Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, Meeting Room 201, New Orleans, Louisiana, after due legal notice of the meeting was sent to each Board member and the news media and posted.

Mr. Estopinal called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. and led in the pledge of allegiance.

The roll was called by Secretary Wittie:

PRESENT:

Stephen Estopinal, President
Lambert J. Hassinger, Jr., Vice President
Louis E. Wittie, Secretary
Tyrone Ben
G. Paul Kemp
Kelly J. McHugh

ABSENT:

Wilton P. Tilly, III, Treasurer
Jefferson M. Angers
Richard A. Luettich, Jr.

OPENING COMMENTS:

None.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Estopinal publicly read aloud the following announcement:

“The Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (the, “District”), plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax in the District, at its meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana.”

RESOLUTION NO. 08-07-14-01:

Mr. Estopinal advised that the SLFPA-E will be seeking an ad valorem millage tax of 7.5 mils, which is the absolute minimum tax necessary for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) to continue its operation and maintenance functions. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers has turned over approximately 25 miles of newly constructed flood protection, several floodgates, a navigation gate and other structures located in St. Bernard Parish for the levee district to operate and maintain. LBBLD staff has determined that this is the absolute minimum tax necessary to ensure the operation and maintenance of the new flood protection system. The 7.5 mil tax would be in addition to the existing 11.1 mil tax under which the LBBLD has operated at a loss since Hurricane Katrina. The new tax will be a long term tax and the revenues from the tax will be combined with the existing tax revenues and placed into the LBBLD’s General Fund. The new tax will also be used for drainage/pumping purposes in addition to flood protection. The LBBLD is the only levee district under the SLFPA-E’s jurisdiction that operates and maintains pumping stations and drainage canals.

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

BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED, that the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East instructs staff to publish a notice in the official journal to advise that the Board of Commissioners of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East, Louisiana, acting as the Governing Authority of the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (the, “District”), plans to consider adopting a resolution ordering and calling an election to authorize the levy of an ad valorem tax in the District, at its meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. at the St. Bernard Parish Council Chambers, 8201 W. Judge Perez Drive, Chalmette, Louisiana.

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

YEAS: Mr. Ben, Mr. Hassinger, Mr. Kemp, Mr. McHugh and Mr. Wittie

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Mr. Angers, Mr. Luettich and Mr. Tilly

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 a.m.