

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
LEGAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JANUARY 20, 2011**

PRESENT: John Barry, Chairman
David Barnes, Commissioner
George Losonsky, Commissioner

The Legal Committee met on January 20, 2011, in the Second Floor Council Chambers, Joseph Yenni Building, 1221 Elmwood Park Drive, Harahan, LA. Chairman John Barry called the meeting to order at 9:27 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

Adoption of Agenda: The agenda was adopted as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the September 15, 2010 meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

A. Discussion of addition of Irys Allgood to the list of approved attorneys and firms from which the SLFPA-E may select an attorney or law firm with which to enter into a contract to provide special legal services, as needed, by the SLFPA-E and levee districts within its jurisdiction.

Mr. Barry explained that since Ms. Allgood had been a State employee, a question was raised about whether she could be retained by the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) without a waiting period. Robert Lacour, SLFPA-E General Counsel, advised that Ms. Allgood could be retained by the Authority since she was not an employee of the SLFPA-E.

Mr. Barnes offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Losonsky and unanimously adopted, to recommend the resolution that was prepared relative to Ms. Allgood to the Board for approval.

B. Approval of Legal Invoices (Authority – East, OLD, EJLD and LBBLD).

Mr. Barry informed the Committee that he had been assured that the General Counsel, Regional Director and appropriate levee district Executive Director independently reviewed the invoices and indicated that they had no problem with them. He added that Board members do not necessarily have the ability to review the hours and minutes listed on each invoice for appropriateness and that this responsibility is primarily delegated to the Executive Directors.

Mr. Barnes offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Losonsky and unanimously adopted, to approve the legal invoices listed on the spreadsheet dated January 20, 2011.

Mr. Losonsky explained that the Legal Committee some time ago discussed the implementation of a spreadsheet for the benefit of Committee members relative to the status of on-going litigation. He asked Mr. Lacour whether this spreadsheet is up-to-date and for the Committee to be provided strategic information on each case in an Executive Session. Mr. Barry agreed with Mr. Losonsky and advised that the Legal Committee would meet on the next regular committee meeting date in order to be provided the strategic information in an Executive Session.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:38 a.m.

(Post meeting note - Due to the interest expressed by other members of the Board, in addition to the members of the Legal Committee, in being provided strategic information on current litigation, the determination was made at the Board meeting held this date to conduct the strategic briefing in Executive Session at the next regular Board meeting.)