

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON JUNE 4, 2015**

PRESENT: Paul Tilly, Chair
Stephen Estopinal, Committee Member

The Finance Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on June 4, 2015, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Tilly called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The Committee approved the minutes of the Finance Committee meeting held on May 14, 2015.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of revisions to FY 2015 Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) and SLFPA-E Budgets.

Jim Bollinger, O.L.D. Comptroller, explained that it is the responsibility of management to keep the Board advised as to the actual performance of the organization compared to the budget. There is no need to revise the Orleans Levee District's (O.L.D.) FY 2015 budget since expenses are less and revenues are greater than the amounts projected in the budget. A budget adjustment is required for the SLFPA-E to reflect a projected 21 percent increase in Personal Services, primarily due to the establishment of the Legal Department, a 16 percent increase in Professional Services, and a decrease in Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) revenues of \$300,000 with a corresponding decrease in CDBG expenditures.

The Committee recommended that the revisions to the FY 2015 SLFPA-E Budget be forwarded to the Board for approval.

B. Discussion of renewal of Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Workers Compensation and Primary and Excess Flood Insurance coverages.

Carol Kiefer, O.L.D. Safety-Risk Manager, advised that the estimated premium for LWCC insurance coverage is \$176,065, which is a decrease of about \$25,000. The

LWCC premium will be audited at the end of the policy period. The premiums for Primary Flood Insurance coverage for the Franklin Administration, Loft and Warehouse buildings total \$4,218. The building limit under the primary coverage is \$500,000 and the limits for contents vary for each building. The premium for Excess Flood Insurance coverage for the Warehouse building (\$1 million limit on building and \$1 million limit on contents) is \$16,026.15.

The Committee recommended that the renewal of the O.L.D.'s LWCC and Primary and Excess Flood Insurance coverages be forwarded to the Board for approval.

C. Discussion of renewal of EJLD Flood Insurance coverage for Police / Maintenance Complex (1135 Lesan Drive).

Derek Boese, East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD) Interim Executive Director, recommended the selection of Option B of the Flood Insurance coverage for the Police/Maintenance Complex (\$2,395) and Sandbag Building (\$1,031), since the difference between Option A and Option B (the higher coverage) is minimal.

The Committee recommended that the renewal of the EJLD's Flood Insurance coverage (Option B) for the Police/Maintenance Complex and Sandbag Building be forwarded to the Board for approval.

D. Discussion of selection of official journal for the SLFPA-E, EJLD and O.L.D. for one year commencing July 1, 2015.

Glenda Boudreaux, SLFPA-E Administrator, explained that quotes were received from the Times Picayune (93 cents per column inch) and the Advocate (12 cents per line). A quote was requested on a sample notice in order to compare rates. The quote from the Times Picayune for the sample notice was \$26.04 and the quote from the Advocate was \$94.50. A spreadsheet was distributed with the paid circulation numbers for the two newspapers. She recommended that the Times Picayune be selected due to the lower cost and greater paid circulation numbers.

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the selection of the Times Picayune as the official journal for the SLFPA-E, EJLD and O.L.D.

E. Discussion of selection of official journal for Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) for one year commencing July 1, 2015.

Ms. Boudreaux advised that the St. Bernard Voice is the only journal that qualifies under the revised statutes as an official journal in St. Bernard Parish. The St. Bernard Voice provided a quote of \$2.94 per column inch.

The Committee recommended that the Board approve the selection of the St. Bernard Voice as the official Journal for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District.

F. Review of SLFPA-E, EJLD, LBBLD and O.L.D. Louisiana Compliance Questionnaires.

Nyka Scott, SLFPA-E Executive Counsel, explained that the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire must be completed each year to attest that the organization is abiding by all of the appropriate laws. The SLFPA-E is awaiting confirmation on the applicability of a new question that was included on the questionnaire. She recommended that the Committee allow the completed questionnaires to be submitted to the Board for approval. The Committee concurred with Ms. Scott's recommendation.

G. Discussion of East Jefferson Levee District Health Insurance renewal.

Mr. Boese advised that the EJLD's Health Insurance coverage expires on July 31, 2015 and that information is being presented to the Committee for informational purposes. Lynn Bogran, representing John Thomas and Best Group Benefits, explained that four quotes are pending. United Healthcare, the current provider, was asked to reconsider its initial quotes citing the EJLD's excellent loss ratio last year in an attempt to obtain a reduction in premium. Humana refused to quote due to the inclusion of retirees under age 65. The EJLD experienced a 100 percent increase in premium last year. Mr. Boese noted that he directed that a quote be obtained from the Louisiana Office of Group Benefits (OGB). Ms. Scott advised that she spoke to an OGB representative and was informed that a check, which would be applied towards the premium if successful, was required in order to obtain a quote. Based upon the preliminary conversation, she anticipated that the EJLD would receive a quote from OGB.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 9:30 a.m.