

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
SPECIAL COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON AUGUST 21, 2015**

PRESENT: Kelly J. McHugh, Chair
Stephen V. Estopinal, Committee Member
Tyrone C. Ben, Committee Member

The Special Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) for the selection of firms to provide engineering services for the levee lift projects met on August 21, 2015, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Administrative Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. McHugh called the meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Review and accept selection team's recommendation of firms to provide engineering services for levee lift projects.

Mr. McHugh called for comments from Committee members and the members of the selection team.

Mr. Estopinal noted that three of the four selection team members who graded the Statements of Qualifications (SOQ's) were present (Wilton P. Tilly, SLFPA-E Commissioner, Stevan Spencer, SLFPA-E Regional Chief Engineer, and Wilma Heaton, SLFPA-E Director of Governmental Affairs). The fourth member of the selection team, Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, was out of town and unable to attend today's meeting. Mr. Estopinal stated that he did not detect any unusual variations in the grading process and that there seemed to be a consistency across the board. Mr. McHugh concurred with Mr. Estopinal's observations and commented on the thoroughness of the process.

Ms. Heaton informed the Committee that the members of the selection team independently reviewed the SOQ's and came together to turn in their scores. She noted that Mr. Turner had advised that he spent about 60 hours in his review and scoring of the SOQs. Although each member brought a different perspective to the review process, the scores were very close on the firms with the highest scores.

Mr. Spencer advised that the SLFPA-E anticipates using three firms for the levee lift projects and has begun preliminary negotiations with the three firms with the highest scores, subject to the approval of the Special Committee.

Mr. Estopinal pointed out that two firms (AECOM and Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc.) received the highest score of 374 and HNTB Corp. received the next highest score of 348. He offered a motion to recommend that the Board ratify the selection of AECOM, Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc. and HNTB Corp. The motion was seconded and the Committee members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.

Mr. Estopinal advised that the scores would be made available after the meeting for review by the public.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 1:50 p.m.