

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 16, 2017**

PRESENT: Herbert I. Miller, Chair
Mark L. Morgan, Committee Member
Clay Cosse', Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on November 16, 2017, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

Opening Comments: None

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the October 19, 2017 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of a proposed Change Order to the Contract with Holliday Contractors, LLC to increase the contract amount from \$60,361.00 to \$82,674.00 for the IHNC East near OHV-17 Drainage Improvements Project.

Felton Suthon, Engineer, explained that the subject area was very steep, making it difficult to maintain, and was holding water. The inlet was raised and fill was placed in the area. The Sewerage and Water Board performed work in the area between the time that the plans were prepared and the contractor commenced work; therefore, more fill was needed than was originally anticipated. Additional fill was also needed due to compaction. The cost of the significant increase in fill was negotiated down from the contractor's original proposal.

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Cosse and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the proposed Change Order to the Contract with Holliday Contractors, LLC.

B. Discussion of the proposed award of a contract in the amount of \$78,000.00 to Gill's Crane and Dozer Service, Inc. for the Paris Levee Clearing Project.

Mr. Suthon explained that the Paris Levee parallels Paris Road from the Lakefront to the I-10. A one-mile stretch of the levee is on the edge of a marsh (the marsh starts at

the toe of the levee) and vegetation creeps into the corridor that must be maintained by the levee district. The contractor will be required to clear a significant amount of vegetation along the one-mile area. A bond is required for any contract over \$25,000.

Mr. Miller noted that three bids were received. The second lowest bid was \$89,925 and the third bid was \$124,000.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cosse, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the contract be awarded to the lowest bidder, Gill's Crane and Dozer Service, Inc.

C. Discussion of the proposed issuance of Task Order No. 15-02-09 in the not to exceed amount of \$51,246.21 to Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for Construction Administration for the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District Pump Stations Nos. 6 and 7 Repairs Project with subject work to be performed under a FEMA Project Worksheet.

Mr. Suthon explained that the notice to proceed must be issued by January 18, 2018 in order to receive reimbursement from FEMA. There are two projects. The proposals for plans and specifications and resident inspection/construction administration for the Pump Station 6 Erosion Repairs Project are under \$50,000. The proposal for construction administration for the Pump Stations 6 and 7 Repairs Project is over \$50,000.

Gerry Gillen, Operations Director, further explained that the estimates were developed after Hurricane Katrina and that the FEMA Project Worksheets (PW) expired in 2012. Prior to his temporary assignment to the Sewerage and Water Board, Mr. Turner asked that extensions be requested from FEMA since the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District (LBBLD) was in danger of losing the funding. Mr. Gillen requested an extension for the construction period through December, 2018. FEMA advised that if a notice to proceed was not issued by January 18, 2018, the PW would be closed. The project design was done by another consultant and the Authority was not satisfied with the progress. Bulk-Kleinpeter, Inc. (BKI) was selected for the Construction Administration due to its experience with pump stations. In addition, the Authority has an Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract with BKI to provide hydraulic engineering services. The estimated construction cost is \$800,000. The consultant's fees will be based on the recommendation from FEMA (fee curve). Once bids are received, FEMA will be consulted so that the PWs can be rewritten with the new amounts.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cosse, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the issuance of Task Order No. 15-02-09 to BKI.

D. Discussion of the proposed amendment of the Memorandum of Agreement with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the LPV 109.02a Armoring/Levee Lift Project to increase the total not to exceed cost for the construction of the levee lift portion of the project from \$4 million to \$7 million (an increase of \$3 million) in order to include raising all of the levee from I-10 to Hwy. 90, the impacted areas of slope pavement at the pump stations and transitions, and an additional smaller section of levee south of Highway 90.

Stevan Spencer, Chief Engineer, explained that the Board previously adopted a resolution to approve raising about 6,000 linear feet of LPV 109. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) estimated the cost of raising the 6,000 linear foot section of levee at \$4 million. During the past several months the USACE requested that the Authority consider raising an additional 9,000-feet of the levee. The Authority had a survey performed and found that only 1,000-feet was markedly low; however, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) requested that the Authority give further consideration to this issue. The Authority resurveyed the area from I-10 to the CSX Railroad tracks. The CPRA then recommended that the Authority raise the entire length of the levee to 6-inches above the construction grade. The construction grade from the I-10 to Highway 90 was 19-ft.; therefore, this section would be raised to 19.5-ft. The construction grade from Highway 90 to the CSX Railroad tracks is 25-ft.; therefore, the segment would be raised to 25.5-ft. The USACE provided an estimate of \$3 million to raise the additional area of LPV 109. The Authority submitted payment of the initial \$4 million to the USACE. The USACE will request payment of the additional \$3 million when needed. The proposed lift would raise the levee to the 2057 (50 year) level. He pointed out that the Authority would be responsible for reinstalling the armoring should it raise the levee after the USACE armors it.

A motion was offered by Mr. Cosse, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the proposed amendment of the Memorandum of Agreement with the USACE for the LPV 109.02a Armoring/Levee Lift Project.

E. Discussion of the proposed amendment of the contract with Louisiana Property Acquisition Co., LLC to increase the total not to exceed amount to \$63,000 (an addition of \$3,500) and extending the engagement period to January 31, 2018 for assistance with obtaining rights-of-entry in connection with the work being performed on the Mississippi River Levee at the Dumaine Street Floodwall.

Mr. Spencer explained that Louisiana Property Acquisition Co., LLC (LaPac) was retained to generate the right-of-entry documents and coordinate with the local agencies, in particular the French Market Corporation and the City of New Orleans, for the required utility relocations. The USACE will replace a 200-foot section of floodwall at Dumaine Street. The work is almost complete with a slight overrun of cost. Nyka Scott, Executive Counsel, added that there appears to be more utility lines and issues than initially anticipated in the area of the French Market.

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Cosse and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the amendment of the contract with LaPac.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:18 a.m.