

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON NOVEMBER 17, 2016**

PRESENT: G. Paul Kemp, Chair
Herbert I. Miller, Committee Member

The Operations Committee of the Southeast Louisiana Flood Protection Authority-East (SLFPA-E or Authority) met on November 17, 2016, in the Orleans Levee District Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex - Meeting Room #201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Kemp called the meeting to order at 10:30 a.m.

Opening Comments: Mr. Kemp noted that today's meeting is his first Operations Committee meeting as Chair.

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

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of the amendment of Task Order No. 09-03-06 issued to Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc. to Increase not-to-exceed cost for the Program and Project Management Support for Levee Lifts in Orleans and Jefferson Parishes.

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Regional Director, explained that the plan to lift certain levees prior to the placement of armoring by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) began about 2-1/2 years ago. A task order was issued to Evans-Graves Engineers about two years ago for program management for the five separate levee lift projects. The effort was initially anticipated to last about one year; however, due to the need to clear numerous hurdles related to the Section 408 permit process and the required environmental assessments, the effort became a two year process. The amendment of the task order would increase the not-to-exceed amount by an approximately \$45,000 in order to carry the process through the end of December.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the Board approve the amendment of the Evans-Graves task order.

B. Discussion of the issuance of Task Order No. 3 to HNTB for construction management for the LPV 01.1 and 02.2 Levee Lift Project.

C. Discussion of the issuance of Task Order No. 2 to Linfield, Hunter and Junius for construction management for the LPV 19.2 and 20.1 Levee Lift Project.

G. Discussion of an Intergovernmental Agreement between EJLD and Jefferson Parish to allow EJLD access to Parish pump stations during levee lift construction work.

H. Discussion of execution of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the St. Bernard Parish Government and the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District relative to the 40 Arpent Levee / Violet Canal Realignment Phase 1 Project.

Mr. Miller advised that he had no issues with Items B, C, G and H and offered a motion that the Committee recommend that the Board approve the items. The motion was adopted by the Committee.

D. Discussion of the issuance of the contract award to Phylway Construction, LLC in the amount of \$2,277,395 for the construction of the LPV 01.1 and 02.2 Levee Lift Project.

Mr. Turner advised that bids were received on November 4th for the LPV 01.1 and 02.2 Levee Lift Project and that the bids were evaluated by the designer of record. The designer of record recommended that the contract be awarded to Phylway Construction, the lowest bidder. The lowest bid was within the budget and below the engineer's estimate of \$2.8 million.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of the LPV 01.1 and 02.2 Levee Lift Project to Phylway Construction.

E. Discussion of the issuance of the contract award to Beverly Construction Co. in the amount of \$1,699,785 for the construction of the LPV 19.2 and 20.1 Levee Lift Project.

Mr. Turner advised that bids were received on November 4th for the LPV 19-2 and 20.1 Levee Lift Project and that the bids were evaluated by the designer of record. The designer of record recommended that the contract be awarded to Beverly Construction, the lowest bidder. The costs of the levee lifts projects being constructed in East Jefferson Parish will be paid by the East Jefferson Levee District (EJLD); however, the right to claim project credits will be preserved. The lowest bid was within budget and below the engineer's estimate of \$1.87 million.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the Board approve the award of the contract for the construction of the LPV 19-2 and 20.1 Levee Lift Project to Beverly Construction.

F. Discussion of execution of a MOU between the Department of the Army, CPRA and SLFPA-E for work provided or performed prior to execution of a Project Partnership Agreement for the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, LA Rehabilitation of Existing Levees under Section 3017 of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public Law 113-121) for the LPV-01.1 and 02.2 and the LPV 19.2 and 20.1 Levee Reaches.

Mr. Turner explained that the Board approved the execution of a similar Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the LPV 00.2 Levee Lift Project. The purpose of the MOU is to preserve the levee district's right to request work-in-kind credits for the LPV-01.1 and 02.2 and the LPV 19.2 and 20.1 Levee Lift Projects. The potential credits could be applied against the payback required for the Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System or towards future levee lifts.

The Committee voted unanimously in favor of recommending that the Board approve the execution of the MOU.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:47 a.m.