

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

PRESENT: Herbert I. Miller, Chair
G. Paul Kemp, Committee Member
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 March 16, 2017, in Meeting Room 201, Orleans Levee District Franklin Avenue Complex, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

Opening Comments: None.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the February 16, 2017 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of the issuance of a task order to C.H. Fenstermaker & Assoc., LLC in the amount of \$80,915.00 for Labor, Equipment and Travel Expenses to gather data and verify valves and culverts located in the flood protection system within the O.L.D. as required by US Army Corps of Engineers.

Gerry Gillen, Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.) Executive Director, explained that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' (USACE) Operations and Maintenance Manuals require the levee district to videotape and make an assessment of the valves and culverts that cross the floodwalls every five years. He requested that a task order be issued to C. H. Fenstermaker & Associates under the Authority's Indefinite Delivery-Indefinite Quantity (ID-IQ) Contract to identify the valves and their sizes and the method to accomplish the videotaping program. The task order will bring the project almost through to preliminary design and the point where plans and specifications can be prepared. Much of the task order will include field work. Mr. Miller asked would the information be mapped into the Authority's GIS. Mr. Gillen replied, yes; the information will be mapped and used for future reference. Mr. Morgan asked would a qualified staff member shadow the consultant's staff so that much of the work can be accomplished in-house for future videotapings and assessments. Mr. Gillen replied, yes; once the initial information is collected, it will be available for future use. The East Jefferson Levee District does not

have any valves, the Lake Borgne Basin Levee District has less than a dozen valves, and the O.L.D. has approximately 125 valves. The large number of valves in Orleans Parish is mainly due to the number of Port of New Orleans' developments along the IHNC and Mississippi River where drainage flows from the riverside of the flood protection into the City's drainage system and because of sanitary systems. Two valves have been abandoned.

Mr. Kemp offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the issuance of the task order.

B. Discussion of the award of a contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the Lower the Tops of Valve Pits OHV-38 and OHV-39 Project.

Mr. Gillen advised that the project consists of removing the tops of Valve Pits OHV-38 and OHV-39, which have been abandoned, placing fill from the floodside to the protected side, and lowering the tops and burying the valves so that they no longer interfere with grass cutting operations. Five contractors were requested to submit bids. Two bids were received: Cycle Construction Company in the amount of \$59,981, and Anders Construction, Inc. in the amount of \$137,553. There were three no bids. He recommended that a contract be awarded to Cycle Construction Company for the project. The in-house estimate for the project was in the range of \$60,000 to \$70,000.

Mr. Kemp offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board award the contract to Cycle Construction Co.

C. Discussion of the award of a contract to the lowest responsive bidder for the Hayne Boulevard Levee Repair Project.

Mr. Gillen explained that there are ruts and areas of poor grass growth along a six mile stretch of the Hayne Boulevard levee. The work will occur along areas in which railroad spotters will be required and includes scarifying the existing levee, placement of fill and a seeding or sod plan. The contractor will be responsible for maintaining the grass until growth is established. Five contractors were requested to submit bids. Only one bid was received from Cycle Construction Company in the amount of \$94,730. Mr. Miller pointed out that bids were requested from the same five contractors and noted the low bid response. Mr. Gillen advised that the contractors had previously been responsive; however, other contractors would be used should the firms continue to be unresponsive.

Mr. Morgan offered a motion, which was seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board award the contract to Cycle Construction Co.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 p.m.