

**MINUTES OF
SOUTHEAST LOUISIANA FLOOD PROTECTION AUTHORITY-EAST
OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON MAY 18, 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 May 18, 2017, in the Franklin Avenue Administrative Complex, Meeting Room 201, 6920 Franklin Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana. Mr. Miller called the meeting to order at 11:00 a.m.

Opening Comments: Mr. Miller welcomed everyone to the Operations Committee meeting.

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

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the April 20, 2017 Operations Committee meeting were approved.

Public Comments: None.

New Business:

A. Discussion of request from New Orleans International Muralists to paint murals along Tchoupitoulas Street along the left descending Mississippi River floodwall between second order levee stations 304+00 and 347+00 in Orleans Parish.

Wilma Heaton, SLFPA-E Director of Governmental Affairs, advised that Chandra Chaffin, SLFPA-E Grants Administrator, has been researching grants for graffiti removal and assisted with the assembly of the packet provided to Committee members for the mural project. The Committee was being requested to authorize staff to issue a permit to New Orleans International Muralists (NOIM) to paint murals on the floodwall along Tchoupitoulas Street. Several groups had approached the Authority in the past for such a permit; however, they did not meet the Authority's criteria. In order to obtain a permit a group must demonstrate the ability to complete the project and accept responsibility for graffiti removal. NOIM is a Limited Liability Corporation; however, it is affiliated with a 501C3, which allows the ability to escrow non-profit funds for painting and graffiti removal. The Committee was provided photographs of the floodwall in its current state and CVs of the project's primary operators. The project includes a collaboration of about 25 artists and is at no cost to the Authority or the Orleans Levee District (O.L.D.).

Ms. Heaton explained that she conferred with the SLFPA-E's Executive Counsel, Nyka Scott, relative to the inclusion of certain provisos (e.g., the Authority will not be responsible for payment of artists) and indemnification provisions in the permit. Should NOIM not comply with the permit conditions, the O.L.D. would be allowed to paint over the murals. NOIM agreed to the permit conditions. Letters of community support and no objection from the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA) and U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) have been received. She expressed excitement about the project and pointed out that NOIM has met every condition imposed by the Authority. The rendering provided to the Committee is the inspiration for components that will be lifted out for each mural segment. The murals will not contain any political or religious content.

Mr. Miller inquired about the funding for the project. Daniel Pate, Co-founder and Programs Director for NOIM, advised that the organization would use crowd sourcing and approach major corporations and local businesses. A legend at the end of the murals would list sponsors and participants. The project is budgeted with maintenance in place on the front end at an estimated annual cost of \$2,500 to \$5,000. The wall would be inspected periodically. The murals would begin at about Ninth Street, where more space is available, starting with the Saints winning the Super Bowl, and work back towards Jackson Avenue, where space is more limited.

Ms. Heaton advised that staff worked with NOIM methodically on the concept and that final renderings would be submitted to the Authority's staff (Ms. Heaton working in concert with SLFPA-E Operations Director) for review. Staff would also view the murals as they are painted.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to approve the issuance of a permit to NOIM for the mural project.

B. Discussion of award of contract for the construction of the East Jefferson Levee District Safehouse and Consolidated Facility Project.

Derek Boese, SLFPA-E Chief Administrative Officer (CAO), advised that bids were opened on May 11th. Thomas Brown and Randy Fiveash, representing Sizeler Thompson Brown Architects (Sizeler), provided information relative to the project. The bid amounts were close in range; however, Lamar Contractors, LLC (Lamar) was the apparent low bidder, with a Base Bid of \$10,444,800 and bid for Alternate No. 1 (epoxy floor in the maintenance and mechanics area) in the amount of \$87,725, for a total bid of \$10,532,525. Lamar's bid was reviewed and found to be responsive. Two examples of projects constructed by Lamar similar in scale to the EJLD project were very successful construction efforts. Therefore, Sizeler recommended the award of the contract to Lamar. Mr. Boese noted that the most recent cost estimate for the project is roughly \$12.5 million. He recommended that the Authority award Alternate No 1, as well as the Base Bid, to Lamar, the lowest bidder including the alternate.

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the award of the contract (Base Bid and Alternate No. 1) to Lamar.

C. Discussion of issuance of Task Order No. 17-01-02 to Linfield, Hunter and Junius, Inc. for a not-to-exceed amount of \$85,490 for professional surveying services for cross sections of the EJLD Foreshore Protection Reaches 1 through 3 and portion of Reach 4.

Robert Turner, SLFPA-E Director of Engineering and Operations, explained that the Authority has been monitoring the settlement of the rock that was put in place by the USACE to protect the foreshore and wave berm for Reaches 1 through 3 and portion of Reach 4. Erosion has taken place landward of the rock. The purpose of the proposed task order is to determine actual elevations, locate areas in the worst condition and begin preparations for a project to restore the rock elevation. The survey is the first step of the process. Mr. Boese pointed out that the Authority submitted a distress report last year to the USACE concerning this issue; however, a response has not been received.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board approve the task order to Linfield, Hunter and Junius.

D. Discussion of a proposed amendment of the Contract with Alfred Conhagen, Inc. for the repair of the hydraulic pumps at LBBLD Pump Stations Nos. 2 and 3 to reflect a total final contract amount of \$492,798.

Mr. Turner explained that an error was made by staff in the contract amount reflected in the resolution adopted by the Board approving the contract. The resolution to be presented to the Board relative to the contract amendment reflects the correct contract amount and an additional \$32,000 for repairs required to fix a problem associated with a hydraulic motor discovered while Conhagen was doing the pump repairs.

A motion was offered by Mr. Kemp, seconded by Mr. Morgan and unanimously adopted, to approve the amendment of the contract with Alfred Cohagen, Inc.

E. Discussion of approval of the SLFPA-E Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the revised O.L.D., LBBLD and EJLD Emergency Operations Procedures (EOP) Manuals for 2017.

Mr. Miller commented that the manuals were distributed by email to the Commissioners for review. Mr. Turner advised that significant updates were included as a result of the restructuring of the Authority. Staff will continue to revise the manuals throughout the next few months in order to ensure that all required updates are made and that any improvements discovered as a result of two upcoming hurricane exercises (the USACE's exercise with stakeholders on May 23rd and the Authority's exercise to be held in mid-July) are included.

A motion was offered by Mr. Morgan, seconded by Mr. Kemp and unanimously adopted, to recommend that the Board grant provisional approval for the manuals.

There was no further business; therefore, the meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m.