

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 11, 2019  
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, James Vidos, Luther Smith, Barry Broussard, and Alton Broussard.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Thomas Naquin, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA and members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 14 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Vidos’ second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported the Bayou Choupique project held a preconstruction meeting with the contractors and a notice to proceed will be issued Monday, April 15. Mr. Miller stated that the bid did come in under budget and with those remaining funds they could possibly increase the elevation of the levee from a 7 foot to 8 foot.

Mr. Miller reported that a change order has been approved to raise the levee to a 10-foot elevation on the Yokely Levee project.

Thomas Naquin with T. Baker Smith reported that his office performed a substantial completion inspection on the Justa Street project yesterday, with only a few minor open items noted.

Mr. Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena discussed the revised schedule for the project. Mr. Pena stated July or August \$50 million in funds will become available for the project, then another \$20 million should be available in Aug 2020, and finally in August 2021 another \$5 million will be available. Mr. Pena reported the phases of the project, with the Phase 1 starting in the fall of this year. Phase 1 will be the dredging near Tabor Canal. Phase 2 will consist of a receiving structure being installed in Bayou Chene and that phase is set to go out for bid in December; Phase 3 the floodgate will go out for bid in July 2020 and finally Phase 4 will consist of raising the road on Avoca Island.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to adopt the above mentioned schedule for the project. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard the motioned passed unanimously. Mr. Pena stated that the 95% submittal for Phase 1 will be submitted to SMLD tomorrow, April 12.

Mr. Pena reported that the ROW coordination is still ongoing and the landowner is reviewing the ROW request on the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena also reported that the 95% design has been submitted to LADOTD for their review. Mr. Pena stated that the project could possibly be out for bid in May. Mr. Pena reported that approximately .5 acres of mitigation will have to be purchased for the project. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a contract to purchase said mitigation upon receipt of the modified permit and agreement on the land rights. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported the North Bend Project is still at 54% completion. Mr. Matte stated that he and Gerard are working to get the land acquisitions complete.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD's activity continues to address issues due to high water. Mr. Matte stated inspections have been conducted daily and have pointed out a few issues to the USACOE inspectors.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize SMLD to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2018 audit. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motioned carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported a public meeting will be held to discuss alternatives for flood protection for areas west of the Charenton Canal. Mr. Matte stated that the possible Town of Baldwin or West St. Mary civic centers would be a location that the meeting could be held.

Mr. Vidos motioned to declare substantial completion of the Todd Levee rehab project. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell authorized Mr. Matte to submit a grant application for the Federal Highway Administration's Recreational Trail Program to help pay for a portion of a bike trail in Morgan City. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

#### **RESOLUTION**

RESOLUTION OF THE ST. MARY LEEVE DISTRICT APPROVING THE APPLICATION FOR GRANT FUNDS FROM THE FHWA RECREATIONAL TRAILS PROGRAM FOR LOUISIANA (FRTPL), as established by CFDA 20.219:

WHEREAS, the US federal government provides funds to the State of Louisiana for grants to the state, local and non-profit organizations to acquire, develop and/or maintain motorized and non—motorized trails; and

WHEREAS, the FRTPL has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the program within the state and setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the program; and

WHEREAS, said procedures require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of the application before the submission of said application;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Mary Levee District does hereby:

1. Approve the filing of an application with FRTPL; and
2. Certify that the said applicant has or will have available prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, sufficient funds to build (including 20% local match), operate and maintain the project; and
3. Appoint the Executive Director as agent of the St. Mary Levee District to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to application, letter of commitment agreement, amendments, payment requests and completion report, which may be necessary for the completion of the aforementioned project.

Approved and Adopted the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2019.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize SMLD to advertise the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project upon receipt of the modified permit and agreements on land rights. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District