

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 14, 2022
MORGAN CITY, LA

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, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Ortiz, Luther Smith, Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Norris Crappell and with Will Terry absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 10 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Smith’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that contractors are still ahead of schedule on the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated the embankment for the project is nearing completion. Mr. Miller also reported the excavation work is nearly 80% complete where the wall will be installed.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is evaluating potential design alternatives along the proposed project alignment based on the latest geotechnical analysis for the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is currently installing the concrete piles in the sump for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam reported the contractors plan to finish concrete pile installation and start sheet pile installation by the end of this month.

Mr. Matte reported there are still a few items remaining to be completed on the punch list for Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte reported the redesign of the upper locking pins and sockets on Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project have been initiated. Mr. Matte stated that the ribbon cutting ceremony is scheduled for April 29. Mr. Matte also reported the work on the levee on Tabor is still ongoing for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Mr. Matte stated that the pre-construction meeting and notice to proceed was held on Mar 30 for Phase 5 (Electrical) of the project.

Mr. Matte reported the Atchafalaya River still remains below 5’; which is an action point for that river system. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD will be watchful on the situation and the current levels are expected to continue through most of the month of April.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit purposes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize approval of a substantial completion review and inspection for Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of a change order for Phase 4B of the Bayou Chene project for work on the Avoca. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize purchase of equipment and supplies for the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Kenneth Arceneaux Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
St. Mary Levee District