

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 9, 2015  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 12 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported for Miller Engineers, that Angela Kramer, a consultant for administration of the CDBG grant, will be attending the Town of Baldwin meeting to give an update on the right-of-way acquisition for the Bayou Choupique levees.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported a monthly update conference call was held on Apr 1 on the Franklin Canal Pump Station project. Monthly conferences on the first Wednesday of each month will follow. Supplies and equipment are being ordered and the contractor plans to start in the field during May or June. Mr. Pena also reported a site meeting is to schedule for next week.

Mr. Matte reported the Hanson Canal project is 95% completed and 50% of the crane trestle has been removed. Mr. Matte reported the east side levee is under construction and is 50% complete. Also reported by Mr. Matte, the clearing and levee shaping has commenced on Yellow Bayou project.

Mr. Matte reported the Wax Lake East Levee project is 60% complete. Based on the current weather and progress the levee embankment should be completed by next meeting.

Mr. Matte also reported for Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith. He reported his office is working on the final design plans and specifications for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project which are due in the middle of May. A site visit with CPRA took place on March 17<sup>th</sup> for the section from Lake End Park to Justa Street and a site visit with SLECA to coordinate relocation of overhead power lines will be scheduled. Mr. Matte also reported 30 % plans, cost estimate, and final Geotech report were sent out April 8th on the Hwy 70 segment. Mr. Matte stated once preliminary review from DOTD, T. Baker Smith will prepare and submit a Joint Permit Application to DNR and USACOE.

Mr. Pena reported the Bayou Chene project is still in the permitting process. His office is ready to start design once all the comments are received from the various agencies on the preliminary report. Mr. Pena also reported the USACOE has navigation concerns and a response letter is currently being drafted. Mr. Pena announced his office is waiting modeling results prior to sending the response as backup. Mr. Pena said his office is also in the process of mailing out letters to the vessel companies to gather additional data.

Mr. Pena reported a permit application was submitted today for the Bayou Teche Floodgate. Mr. Pena stated that Miller Engineers is currently working on the right-of-ways and is expected to have the report ready by next month’s meeting.

Mr. Pena stated that an amendment is needed for additional services for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amendment mentioned above for the amount of \$2,000. Following Mr. Cantrell’s second, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that he along with Mr. Brocato have been reviewing the Emergency Procedure Manual in light of recent rises in River levels. Mr. Matte also reported both him and Mr. Brocato attended the USACOE Flood Fight Briefing on the high River on Mar 23. Also reported by Mr. Matte he attended a CPRA meeting which was held on Mar 25 the meeting addressed preparation for high water and the implementation of a closure of Bayou Chene.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to meet with Mr. Matte to review and renew the Executive Director contract. Following Mr. Crappell's second, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte announced the upcoming meeting to adopt the tax millage rate, which will be held on May 14.

Mr. Matte reported St. Mary Levee District would like to reapply for the Statewide Flood Control Grant for the Bayou Teche Project. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorize submitting an application for the above mentioned grant. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion passed unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District