

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
SPECIAL REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 18, 2013
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, Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Andrew Mancuso, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith and Raleigh Boudreaux.

Also present: William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President; Robbie Robison 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. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Apr 4 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. Mr. Naquin stated his office received phone calls about the status of pilings driven into the Franklin Canal; Mr. Hidalgo explained that pilings would be driven farther down as construction continues.

Mr. R. Miller with Miller Engineers updated the board on the permitting for the temporary structures on the Hanson Canal North and South and Yellow Bayou. The permits should be in hand by next month’s meeting. Mr. Miller also reported meetings were still ongoing for the permanent structures and they should reach an agreement soon for the permitting.

Ms. Cutforth reported the three pair of sheet pile in Hanson Canal will likely be pulled next week by Matt Durand after the amendment to the contract is approved. Ms. Cutforth reported there is an amendment to Task Order No. 1 and a new Task Order for approval. She explained the amendment to Task Order No. 1 is an increase of \$26,000 for her administrative services three days a week and Task Order No. 7 is for her administrative services one day a week once an Operations Manager is hired. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign both the amendment to TO#1 and TO#7. Following Mr. Terry’s second, it carried unanimously.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported on the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure Project. A pre-application meeting with the Corps was held earlier today with the presentation of permit drawings and discussion of the formal submittal. Mr. Pena also gave an update for the Franklin Canal Project and the pump station design. He stated an additional two to three weeks of construction were added to the timeline due to weather.

Mr. Kennedy of T. Baker Smith reported on the Wave Run Up Analysis on the Wax Lake East and West Outlet levee segments in response to the LSER reports. The field and vegetation surveys portions have been completed. They are currently compiling the data and will start comparing the results against the Corps’ results. The final report should be ready for next month’s meeting. And, he will be setting up a meeting with the USACE to submit the findings.

Mr. Matte reported on the High Water trip of April 11. He stated that a presentation was made to the Corps regarding the LSERs and the Bayou Chene Project. There have been discussions with the City of Morgan City concerning the LSERs; T. Baker Smith is currently working with the Drainage District to evaluate the levee system to plan for a certified levee system protecting the backwater areas. One particular issue that is of concern is how to properly protect Lakeside Subdivision; previously, it had been high enough. But, with recent developments, and storm surge projections, it has become a critical issue. Also, Morgan City has requested to partner with District to do a joint preliminary analysis to find a solution to help protect Lakeside Subdivision. And, Mr. Kennedy proposed to explore alternative designs to protect the subdivision. Mr. Broussard moved for Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amended design proposal. After a second from Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented 4 Letter of No Objection's (LNO) for consideration and approval by the Board. Legacy Resources requested approval to construct a drill site with a borrow ditch. Columbia Gulf Transmission requested approval to construct a pipeline interconnect project to install 350 linear feet of pipeline. Chevron Pipeline Company requested approval to perform dredging. The Gavilon Group requested approval to amend a permit request by removing three borings along the GIWW and replaced three borings near the Columbian Chemical Slip. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNOs, and Mr. Mancuso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte explained that Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 approached the Levee District about taking over the administration of their levee construction and improvement project. Mr. Bourgeois stated that he is currently drafting a CEA for the Drainage District and the Levee District.

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

Mr. Bourgeois stated that he was able to attend the High Water Inspection Trip and spoke with the COE Project Manager concerning the PPA (project partnership agreement) that will eventually exist between the Levee District and the COE. Mr. Bourgeois also stated continuing efforts are being made to assist with the entry of CEAs with the area local sponsors in order to be their authorized agents dealing with the COE. Mr. Bourgeois recommended and Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Matte to have authority to approve permit request and letter of no objections and also to designate Mr. Matte as the Records Officer as required by the Louisiana Secretary of State's Division of Archives. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo designated that Mr. Crappell be the spokesperson to meet with municipalities within the parish for their understanding and support on the proposed Rules and Regulations of the District.

Mr. Naquin reported he received a phone call from Kim Walden with the Chitimacha Tribe stating her office received a call from the COE to inform her, the COE will be placing a new structure at the Charenton Locks. Mr. Hidalgo asked Mr. Matte to follow up with the COE on this matter.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District