

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING

APRIL 4, 2013  
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: James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Andrew Mancuso, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith and with Raleigh Boudreaux absent.

Also present: William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Robbie Robinson and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Hidalgo called for comments from the public or special guests. There were none.

Mr. Hidalgo explained there was one Letter of No Objection (LNO) for consideration and approval by the District. Shell Pipeline Company requested an amended approval to drill two, 3-inch G-type borings near the Wax Lake Outlet West Levee. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Crappell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso explained that the District met with the parish regarding the proposed CEA to act as the single voice for the levees. Discussions are ongoing. Mr. Naquin has asked the District to pursue a Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mr. Hidalgo stated that it was important for the District to proceed to secure a PPA and with the preparation of the necessary supporting agreements with all of the other governmental entities. Mr. Crappell and Mr. Hidalgo stated that, when the District pursued its tax millage, the citizens of the community were promised that they would not be doubly taxed. In other words, citizens would not be taxed for grass cutting services, which were already funded. Instead, the proceeds of the District’s tax are to be utilized, primarily for flood control and master plan purposes.

Mr. Hidalgo called upon Mr. Kennedy with T. Baker Smith to explain the wave run up analysis proposal to the board. Engineers are going to pick two points along the Wax Lake Outlet East and West Levees to analyze. He explained that the Corps did not account for vegetation, which blocks some storm surge. He stated there is at least a 100 foot strip of trees between the toe of the levee and the Intracoastal Waterway. Mr. Kennedy stated that the modeling and analysis will be completed in May in advance of the Corps’ comment deadline.

Mr. Hidalgo explained that the District wanted to get actual data versus data that didn’t include site specific information. Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Run-up Wave Modeling proposal, and Mr. Broussard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District