

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 11, 2014
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, J.P. Hebert, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Kenny Arceneaux, Luther Smith and with Barry Broussard absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney, Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Public comments came from Blake Sonnier, with the Boy Scout Troop 405. Mr. Sonnier explained his Eagle Project which is to install mile post and markers along the Atchafalaya Basin Wilderness Bike Trail; those markers would reference boat ramps and restaurants. Mr. Crappell motioned to support the Eagle Project, which was followed by Mr. Arceneaux’s second. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reid Miller, with Miller Engineers reported that the Town of Baldwin’s attorney is still having issues with the right-of-ways for the road surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees.

Mr. Miller reported the Yokeley Levee project is still on hold as some of its funding is to be allocated to help assist with Franklin Pump Station.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported the bids will be opened for the gas line for the Franklin Canal Pump Station project on December 18th. Mr. Pena stated a monthly update conference call was held on Dec 3 and will be held on the first Wednesday every month on that project. Mr. Pena mentioned supplies and equipment are being ordered and the contractor plans to start within the next 3-4 months. Mr. Pena also stated the contract that was awarded is the base bid and Alternate 1 which is with 4 bays and two pumps.

Mr. Miller reported the construction company, Sea Level Construction, has begun construction at the site of Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou.

Mr. Matte reported the permit has been received for the Wax Lake East Project. Mr. Matte also reported bids have been received for the project and those bids have been opened.

Mr. Miller reported that Southern Construction from New Iberia submitted the low bid for the Wax Lake East Project with a base bid of \$323,023.50. Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a contract with above mentioned contractor for the project. Following a second by Mr. Smith, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the geotechnical work should wrap up next week for the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project between Lake End Park and The Atchafalaya River Levee. Mr. O’Gorman stated that there is a change in the contract for the geotechnical work for the project. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign said change order. Following a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pena reported that the Bayou Chene project design is still in the permitting process. Mr. Pena stated 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 a meeting was held with

Avoca and its consultants on December 2 to discuss modeling. Mr. Pena mentioned that revised landowner letters have been mailed and landowners have until December 14 to respond.

Mr. Matte reported that he and Mr. Brocato attended a briefing held by USACE on the results of the periodic inspections. Mr. Matte stated these inspections are more detailed inspections than the annual inspections and cover all levee segments throughout the parish. Mr. Matte reported SMLD is required to respond over the next year to the items noted as “unacceptable” with how SMLD plans on address the issues.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2014 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2015. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Vidos motioned to adopt the district’s amended budget for FY 2014 and to adopt the FY 2015 budget, which was followed by Mr. Terry’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte discussed amending SMLD’s Bylaws meeting locations and introduced the 2015 meeting schedule. Mr. Hebert motioned to adopt the proposed meeting schedule for 2015. Following a second by Mr. Arceneaux’s, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported the Administrative Service Task Order with CB&I be increased from \$24,000 to \$29,000. Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amendment to mentioned task order, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte discussed the Mater Service Agreement for the name change of CB&I which was previously Shaw Environmental and Infrastructure, Inc. Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amended contract for the above mentioned. Following Mr. Crappell’s 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District