

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2017
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, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard and with Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois; Jeff Pena, CB&I; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and members of the public and media.

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

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

Mr. Matte reported all landowners along the Bayou Choupique project have been contacted and will start obtaining appraisals once a meeting is held with the appraiser.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 process would be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller reported that a meeting will be held within the next few weeks with the Corps to discuss this permit.

Mr. Miller reported that the work on the South Willow Street Pump Project is still ongoing. Mr. Miller also reported the pumps were delivered for the Franklin Canal Pump Station.

Mr. Matte reported on behalf of T. Baker Smith that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is April 25. Mr. Matte reported that the construction contract for the Lake End Park to Justa Street has been awarded to Phylway and a preconstruction meeting was held on Jan 31, with a notice to proceed date of early April. Mr. Matte also reported the office of T. Baker Smith met with DOTD last month and is scheduling a stakeholders meeting next week to discuss the bid process and construction sequencing for the LA 70 portion. Mr. Matte stated the expected advertisement date is set for March.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office has recently submitted a plan to bring the Bayou Chene to a 60% design, and complete the life safety analysis, Environmental Assessment, and Cultural Resources analysis that USACOE is requiring for the Bayou Chene Project 408 permit process. Mr. Pena stated his office recently submitted the life safety information to the Corps and it’s currently being reviewed by the USACOE hydraulics team.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated the title work is complete and the boundary surveying will commence shortly.

Mr. Matte reported the local municipalities and the Parish are to adopt their maps by ordinance starting Feb. 22 and they should have an expected effective date of April 19.

Mr. Matte reported on the outcome of the Cattle Lease Committee meeting that was held Feb. 7. Mr. Matte stated the length of the lease and the possible options were one of the main concerns the cattlemen had. Mr. Matte reported on some of the recommendations from the farmers, which was SMLD to pay for the fencing required for each tract and cattle guards be placed at gates for the bottom road.

Mr. Hebert motioned to issue a Substantial Completion for Improvements to Avoca Road project, which was followed by Mr. Crappell’s second, it carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment No. 8 between SMLD and T. Baker Smith for the Morgan City Levee Improvement Project. After a second by Mr. Vidos the motion carried 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