

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 11, 2018
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Pat Landry, CPRA; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the December 14th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Arceneaux second, the motion carried unanimously.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that they have received the mitigation letter for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project with four banks to choose from and with a \$9,000 per acre. Mr. Miller stated that his office submitted the plans to CDBG for their review and is still awaiting approval. Mr. Miller also reported that once approval is received by CDBG SMLD will begin the R-O-W process.

Mr. Miller reported that his office received a Letter of No Objection from CPRA and is still waiting on the permit for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller stated that his office is still continuing to move forward on finalizing the plans.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the finishing work on the levee embankments for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project are still ongoing. Mr. O’Gorman reported the estimated competition date is late February weather permitting for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the installation of sheet pile continues between the pump station #6 on Victor II and Hwy 90.

Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena stated that the permit that was received from DNR has been extended to September 2019 and a meeting has been scheduled with DNR to discuss modifications to the permit drawings to accommodate the larger gate opening.

Mr. Pena reported that his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project and research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is progressing. Mr. Pena also reported that his office has completed the geotechnical borings and the report has been submitted to DOTD and SMLD. Mr. Pena stated that his office has answered all of the comments that were made.

Mr. Bourgeois reported during the Cattle Lease Committee’s investigation into SMLD’s ownership of land, a list of maps were found and his office is currently working with the USACOE to get copies of those maps to establish the extent of ownership.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has secured the right of ways from Cabot and JM Burguieres for the North Bend Phase B project.

Mr. Matte reported that another extension for the NFIP has passed the House and Senate, which will continue the program beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2017 until January 29, 2018.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that his office finalized an agreement with the contractor regarding the Justa Street Levee Reach. Mr. Bourgeois stated that for SMLD to lawfully work on this project the Drainage District must grant a temporary right-of-way for construction purposes to SMLD. Mr. Bourgeois reported the Drainage District will take this item up at their next meeting.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to execute the Intergovernmental Agreement with the Drainage District #2 for the above mentioned purposes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported a meeting was held by Senator Bret Allain with regional Parish officials to discuss funding and participation in the development of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte stated representatives from St. Mary, Terrebonne, Lafourche, Assumption, St. Martin and Iberville were in attendance. All in attendance agreed that they would support this project and contribute financially to the operations and maintenance. Mr. Matte reported he will be working to develop the appropriate Intergovernmental Agreements in order to implement this project.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign the engagement letter with Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick for audit purposes. After a second by Mr. Crappell 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