

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 10, 2014
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, J.P. Hebert, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Luther Smith and Barry Broussard.

Also present: Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Marc Rogers, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and, members of the public and media.

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

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

Mr. Miller, with Miller Engineers reported that all the title information that was received from the Town of Baldwin’s attorney for the title search detailing the property ownership surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees was compiled by his office and some discrepancies were found. Mr. Miller stated the Town of Baldwin’s attorney will run some additional title searches.

Mr. Miller reported that surveying has been completed along Industry Road for the Yokeley Levee project and his office has met with the parish and the Parish has decided where the alignment will be.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project has been completed and submitted to CPRA.

Mr. Pena reported that the bids for the Franklin Canal Pump Station project have been accepted, and with Sea Level Construction being the lowest bidder a contract is currently being processed.

Mr. Pena delivered presentation on the findings of the recon report on the Bayou Teche Project. Mr. Pena stated the findings indicated a 1/10 of a foot difference was found when comparing the “with structure” water surface elevation to the “without structure” condition.

Mr. Miller stated the construction company, Sea Level Construction, should start construction for the Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou projects in the time frame of August to September.

Mr. Marc Rogers of T. Baker Smith reported his office had a pre-application meeting with USACOE to discuss options on applying for permits for the levees from Atchafalaya River to Hwy 182 which includes Siracusaville, Lakeside Subdivision, Auburn Cook Collins, Hellenic Lakefront and back to the River. Mr. Rogers stated that his office will be able to apply for the permits in segments.

Mr. Rogers reported additional modeling is ongoing for the breakwater option for Lakeside Subdivision and will have a report for next month’s meeting.

Mr. Pena reported that the Bayou Chene project is currently in the permitting process. Mr. Pena stated landowner coordination is still on going and a drafting of the mitigation plan has commenced.

Mr. Brocato reported that the West Gordy Levee improvements project is nearly complete. He gave a summary of the annual levee inspection report and the actions taken.

Mr. Bourgeois reported on the wilderness bike trail presented by the Boy Scouts, stated the gates needed to be studied and recommended further study with Mr. Schoeffler. He also announced that the finalized IGAs with the Parish, Berwick, and Morgan City would be executed at an upcoming signing ceremony hosted by the SMLD. Upon the motion of Mr. Terry, and Mr. Vidos' second, the Board unanimously voted to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to execute the finalized IGA's.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the purchase office furniture, in an amount not to exceed \$4000, for the new office space. Following Mr. Crappell's second, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Broussard moved to authorize the purchase of a computer server, in an amount not to exceed \$5500. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to renew the land lease with Diversified Enviro Products & Services, Inc. Following Mr. Broussard's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo reported the publication of the notice to renew the current millage and formally announced it will be up for consideration at the August 14th meeting in Morgan City.

Mr. Terry moved to adopt a resolution in appreciation of Mr. Andrew Mancuso's service and dedication to the SMLD. After the full reading of said resolution by Mr. Hidalgo, Mr. Crappell seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District