

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

June 15, 2023
FRANKLIN, LA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Gerard Bourgeois; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 18 regular monthly minutes as well as the May 18 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Mike Ortiz, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte also presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office and FTN are working on finalizing design reports for submittal in the next few weeks for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study. Mr. Karam also stated the flow meters were installed today and his office along with SMLD was on site to observe the installation.

Mr. Karam reported the geotechnical engineer submitted their latest data report last month for the Lakeside project and it is in the process of being reviewed and working with Eustis to apply the new information to the latest design alternatives. Mr. Karam stated that his office is also looking into the permitting process for the latest design alternatives and will work to schedule a meeting with SMLD once they have more information.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor has installed all four pumps for the Morgan City Pump Station Project and they are all operational. Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is working on finishing the building and installing trash screens within the next two weeks. Mr. Karam reported the contractor has requested a substantial completion site visit for Wednesday June 21.

Mr. Brocato reported they will be changing the closing cable on the Franklin Canal. Mr. Brocato stated that the maintenance closure for the Bayou Chene structure was performed with no events.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to approve the signing of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for audit purposes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, 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. Mancuso carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kenneth Arceneaux Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
St. Mary Levee District