

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 16, 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Norris Crappell, Mike Ortiz, Andrew Mancuso.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Bill Bourgeois and Gerard Bourgeois; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers, David Naquin; Port of West St. Mary and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 19 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte also introduced the upcoming budget for the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office plans to have a kickoff meeting for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study.

Mr. Karam reported the pumps will be completed by the end of the year for the Morgan City Pump Station.

Mr. Brocato reported inspections went well. Mr. Brocato also reported there is 10,500 tons left of the limestone that was located at the east side yard of the Wax Lake Outlet. Mr. Brocato stated the gauges at Bayou Chene are having issues. Mr. Brocato reported that Bayou Teche and Hanson Canal closed due to the salt water intrusion.

Mr. Matte reported the USACE has instituted the Lower Mississippi River Comprehensive Management Study, which is a \$25 million, 5-year study that will evaluate alternatives for ensuing effective long-term management to the Mississippi River from Cape Girardeau to the Gulf of Mexico.

Mr. Matte reported the low water levels continue to cause issues along the Mississippi River, the low stage is expected to reach 3.5’. The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City did hit .65’ with the passage of the recent cold front.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize the removal of limestone material and placement of limestone on the levee from Verdunville to the W-99 area. 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 carried unanimously.

Attest:

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