

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 17, 2022
FRANKLIN, LA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jason Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; Gerard Bourgeois, William Bourgeois; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 20 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte also presented the 2022 and the upcoming 2023 budget of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Jason Chauvin with T. Baker Smith reported his office met with SMLD to review the existing conditions model summary produced by FTN and to discuss additional data collection in specific areas and different design alternatives. Mr. Chauvin also reported his office plans to collect additional survey data to incorporate into the model which will help to “truth” the Lidar data used. Mr. Chauvin stated his office is also working on compiling pricing to collect flow rate and velocity data along the GIWW to use in the model as well.

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported the ribbon cutting ceremony was Nov 9 for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated the project is complete.

Mr. Chauvin reported his office is currently working on preliminary alternative construction pricing based on the meeting held with SMLD for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Chauvin stated that his office also met with Eustis Engineering to discuss geotechnical exploration and other potential design alternatives utilizing river sand.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor is 95% complete with the installation of the permanent sheet pile and has poured the concrete footings, sump slab, sheer walls and columns for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractors are currently installing the permanent structural steel in the sump area and have started to install the scaffolding for the concrete deck slab.

Mr. Matte reported all of the elevated poles are installed and all wiring has been completed and is ready for testing on Phase 5 of the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Matte stated Cleco will provide the switch that will connect for testing.

Mr. Matte reported the annual maintenance inspections were held November 2 and 3 with the USACOE and CPRA. Mr. Matte stated the dry weather we experienced in the weeks before the inspections allowed grass cutting and other maintenance to be completed prior to the inspections. Mr. Matte reported that overall the inspections went well and the USACOE seemed pleased with the condition of the levees.

Mr. Bourgeois reported the Bylaws for the Levee District needs to be revised to state the new meeting day.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the acceptance of the Yokely Levee Extension project as complete and the approval of the balancing change order. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of CO 5 for Phase 5 for the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte stated a preconstruction meeting will be held Dec 1 at SMLD office for the Charenton Flood Gate.

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

Attest:

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