

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 20, 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, and with Luther Smith and Daniel Lipari absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Nicole Buranzon, APTIM; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Ortiz moved to amend the agenda to add two items to new business. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Aug 11 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Crappell’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 that FTN has completed the existing conditions model and provided a summary of findings which is under review for the Charenton Canal south of Hwy 90. Mr. Karam stated his office plans to have an internal meeting early next week to review the existing conditions summary and will then set up a meeting with SMLD to present this information and to discuss the design alternatives we plan to model.

Mr. Matte reported that the storage containers are onsite and all of the wall components are stored inside for Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Matte stated November 9 is a possible date for the ribbon cutting ceremony for the project.

Mr. Karam of T. Baker Smith reported his office met with SMLD today to discuss the project as a whole and path forward for design alternatives for the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor is 95% complete with the installation of the permanent sheet pile and has poured the concrete footings and sump slab for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractors have poured 4 of 7 concrete shear walls and are preparing to pour the remaining 3 walls. Mr. Karam also reported the contractors will continue structural concrete work for the next two months.

Ms. Nicole Buranzon of APTIM reported the contractor is on site addressing the floodwall upper sockets for Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene Project. Ms. Buranzon stated the installation of the concrete vaults, the underground conduit, and the wiring has been completed from the transformer at the parking pad to the last utility pole at the gate for Phase 5 of the project.

Mr. Matte reported the annual maintenance inspections are set for November 2 and 3 with the USACOE and CPRA. Mr. Matte also reported October has brought with it many changes to pricing of flood insurance and the impacts on property owners of the new rate methodology.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the approval CO 1 for the Wax Lake East Levee Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of CO 4 for Phase 5 for the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval of a SMLD 408 permission letter for permit request for a relocation waterline crossing for the St. Mary Parish Water & Sewer Commission No. 4. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval of a SMLD 408 permission letter for a permit request for relocation of a pipeline for Crescent Midstream. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the approval final acceptance of Phases 4A and 4B of Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to approve the Capital Outlay application for SMLD project which include Lakeside Protection Project and Levees West of Charenton Canal. After a second by Mr. Terry 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

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