

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

OCTOBER 6, 2020
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers, Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Sept 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Lipari second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte discussed the Audit Findings from the 2019 Audit of the St. Mary Levee District; there were no significant findings.

Mr. Crappell moved to declare a state of emergency due to the pending Hurricane. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion carried unanimously.

Resolution 10-06-2020

A resolution of the St. Mary Levee District (“District”) declaring a “State of Emergency” and authorizing any expenditures and/or contracts deemed necessary in response to the forecasted storm and flood threat from Tropical Storm Delta.

WHEREAS, the National Weather Service of the United States National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s National Hurricane Center’s current forecast for Tropical Storm Delta places St. Mary Parish and the entire coast of Louisiana within its potential path and has predicted that the weather disturbance will become a hurricane today and strengthen to winds of 120 mph, potentially bringing heavy rains and a significant storm surge to impact St. Mary Parish;

WHEREAS, the Governor of the State of Louisiana, John Bel Edwards, and the Governor’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) is urging everyone to prepare for Tropical Storm Delta and will likely declare a state of emergency as a result of the imminent threat of emergency conditions;

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Parish President, as recorded at Bk # _____, # _____, on October 6, 2020, declared the existence of a State of Emergency within St. Mary Parish, in accordance with La. R.S. 29:727, due to the threat of serious weather from Tropical Storm Delta and the potential for hurricane storm surge; and,

WHEREAS, the forecasted serious and severe weather event, including the serious potential for hurricane storm surge, threatens the health and safety of the citizens of St. Mary Parish and constitutes an exigent circumstance necessitating the declaration of an emergency for procurement purposes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of St. Mary Levee District, State of Louisiana, that a State of Emergency is hereby declared to exist due to the threat of severe weather in St. Mary Parish.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the President, William H. Hidalgo, Sr., is hereby authorized and directed on behalf of the District to make any expenditure necessary and to take all necessary action in connection with the threat of severe weather and the potential for flooding.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, William H. Hidalgo, Sr., President, be authorized and directed to do any and all act and things necessary, proper, or that may be required to carry out and accomplish the transactions contemplated with regards to the above mentioned request.

And the Resolution was declared adopted on this 6th day of October 2020.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize the emergency construction of levee protection at the East – West tie in at Bayou Sale levee. Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has received quotes for this work and Frisco Constructors was the lowest quote. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign the Change Order No. 1 on the Yokely Levee Extension Project; which is a change in alignment of the proposed levee. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign Change Order 3 for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project Phase 2. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Smith moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign Change Order 3 for Phase 2 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize an amendment to the IGA with St. Mary Parish Government to increase the annual amount to \$350,000. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to amend the ROW expropriation resolution to eliminate the warehouse from that ROW on the Cloutier property on Avoca Island. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion passed unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District