

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 13, 2017  
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 9 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported the appraisals have begun along the Bayou Choupique project; the permit is underway.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 process would be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller reported that a meeting was held with USACOE to discuss the permit and could take up to a year to complete the process.

Mr. Miller reported that the work on the South Willow Street Pump Project is still ongoing as well as at Franklin Canal Pump Station; a completion date is estimated the beginning of May.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is April 25. Mr. O’Gorman reported that notice to proceed was issued April 3 for the Lake End Park to Justa Street segment with a completion date of May 2018. Mr. O’Gorman reported after meeting with City of Morgan City and the Drainage District#2 a temporary entrance for the Lake End Park has been agreed upon for the LA 70 portion.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena also reported his office will request an extension on the DNR permit that was received in Sept 2015. Mr. Pena stated his office recently met with CPRA on the Increase Atchafalaya project and discussed coordination between the two projects.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated research of the property owners along the right-of-ways is in process and the plat maps are being prepared.

Mr. Matte reported the local municipalities and the Parish are to adopt their maps by ordinance starting Feb. 22 and they should have an expected effective date of April 19. Once the new maps are adopted, Berwick will be in a position to request a Letter of Map Revision to properly reflect current status of being protected by an accredited levee.

Mr. Matte reported that a draft of the lease is now done for the potential cattle leases of SMLD property.

Mr. Hebert suggested that another cattle lease committee meeting be held May 11.

Mr. Matte reported that he and Mr. Hidalgo attended the High Water Inspection on April 6 on which they discussed the Bayou Chene project with Col. Clancy and Mark Wingate.

Mr. Matte stated that a diver went down at the Franklin Canal to inspect the gate which had no major damage; the gate will be let down next week.

Mr. Matte announced that at our next regular meeting, May 18, SMLD will adopt the tax millage rate.

Mr. Crappell motioned to join Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District, North Lafourche Levee District and South Lafourche Levee District to engage lobbying firm, Mercury LLC consultants, to seek changes in mitigation rules and regulations and to contribute \$24,000 for a six month period. After a second by Mr. Vidos the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to enter into a contract with CB&I for additional efforts on Lakeside modeling as part of the Morgan City levee project. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize SMLD to support a Constitutional Amendment authorizing a 5 mill tax for all Levee Districts. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to enter into a cooperative endeavor agreement with St. Mary Parish Government for operation of the Avoca Island Ferry with a contribution of \$20,000 to go to the cost of operating the ferry. After Mr. Smith's second 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. Hebert and carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District