

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 10, 2014
BERWICK, 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, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Luther Smith and Barry Broussard.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Kevin OGorman, T. Baker Smith; Mayor Ratcliff, Town of Berwick; Patrick Broussard, Senator David Vitter’s office; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Vidos’ second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Patrick Broussard with Senator Vitter’s office introduced himself to the board.

Mr. Matte reported for Reid Miller, with Miller Engineers, in his absence. Mr. Matte reported the Town of Baldwin’s attorney completed the title search to detail property ownership surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees. Mr. Miller’s office has completed the property plats and will send the final plats to the attorney within two weeks.

Mr. Matte reported that surveying continues along Industry Road for the Yokeley Levee project.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the as built drawings and the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project have been received. He is currently reviewing the data.

Mr. Pena reported that the Franklin Canal Pump Station project has to be re-bid due to missing information in the bid process. They are currently waiting to hear from CPRA’s office to provide a timeline.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers have pushed back the dates again of the preliminary results due to delays with mesh and elevation data.

Mr. Matte reported the Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou project construction bids are scheduled to be received within two weeks.

Mr. Matte reported the levee district is currently waiting to get an answer from USACOE on whether there will be any impact to wetlands to proposed work on the Wax Lake East levee. Once the approval is given the project will be able to go to full design with a cost estimate of \$200,000.

Mr. Kevin O’Gorman of T. Baker Smith reported they are still looking at what could be done to lower the cost of the Morgan City Levee Improvement project.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and geotech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. He is currently working on the permit. Mr. Pena attended a meeting with a land management consultant for Avoca to discuss the mitigation on their properties.

Mr. Matte stated the updated Wax Lake East LSER final report date will be released April 24.

Mr. Matte reported that he attended a meeting along with Mr. Hidalgo and Mr. Brocato with the Charenton Canal Business Coalition; they had concerns with our plans on the Charenton Canal.

Mr. Brocato reported the levee condition on top of the levee near Myette Point is deteriorating because of the heavy traffic. Mr. Crappell moved to have Mr. Brocato install up to eight gates on the former ABLD levees to limit traffic. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported on a pre-application for a Statewide Flood Control Grant to help fund the Bayou Teche flood protection project that is due May 1. Mr. Smith moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign off on the pre-application stated above. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to move into executive session to discuss the case described as Fontenot's Precision Iron Works vs. St. Mary Levee District. After a second by Mr. Crappell and after a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

After a 20 minute executive session the open meeting was reconvened.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District