

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 11, 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, Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Norris Crappell, J.P. Hebert, Mike Ortiz and with Luther Smith absent.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the July 14 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Mancuso’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. Matte reported that Iberia Parish agreed to be included of the Hydrologic Study for the area west of Charenton Canal south of Hwy 90. Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported that the models are being studied for the new study to focus upon.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that the floodwall has been delivered to the site and all levees are at design grade on the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractors still have to asphalt Industrial Road.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is evaluating potential design alternatives based on these meetings has coordinated to get pricing for a potential geotechnical exploration to analyze soil conditions out past the current project alignment for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Karam stated that his office is meeting to discuss the exploration and design alternatives.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is 95% complete with the installation of the permanent sheet pile and has completed the cofferdam installation in the sump for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractors plan to pour the dry bottom of the sump area next week and to start forming the concrete structure later next week.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported the contractors have completed installing mining wire between the Barge and the Floodwall for Phase 5 (Electrical) of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated the transformer pad is under construction and grounding for the transformer pad has been installed. Ms. Cutforth also reported the vault positions along the ROW of the underground portion of the project have been surveyed and staked and a benchmark has been surveyed in for the vault installation.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD currently has a full stockpile of limestone at the Charenton Canal and at the Wax Lake Outlet. Mr. Matte stated the USACOE has placed larger rock along sections of the GIWW in the vicinity of our Wax Lake East levee to prevent further erosion.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 2 for Phase 5 of Bayou Chene. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the IGA with Iberia Parish for inclusion of Iberia in West St. Mary Hydrologic Study subject to Iberia Parish making some changes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the purchase of a boat for flood gate monitoring. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 for the Yokely Levee Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the maintenance contract for installation and removal of the Yokely Levee Floodwall sections. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 on Phase 4B for the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the substantial completion on Phase 4B for the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the change to SMLD's monthly meeting to the third Thursday of the month starting with the month of September. After a second by Mr. Crappell 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.

Attest:

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