

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 12, 2021  
MORGAN CITY, LA

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

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

Mr. Crappell moved to accept the agenda and the decision to meet via Zoom, which was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the July 8 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’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 Facility & Planning has the capital outlay allocation to perform studies & design work on the area west of the Charenton Canal to address persistent drainage issues. Mr. Matte stated that some paperwork needs to be done before the work takes place.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported pre bid meeting was held on the 5<sup>th</sup> of August and the bid opening is scheduled for Aug 19th for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that his office continues negotiating LNO with Boardwalk for their 6” pipeline. Mr. Miller stated that his office has received DOTD permit and still waiting on USACWE to complete their jurisdictional determination.

Mr. Robert Karam of T. Baker Smith reported that the design work is progressing of the CPRA alternative for the Lakeside Flood Protection project and will be working to refine the project alignment and typical sections. Mr. Karam stated that a preconstruction meeting is scheduled with Sealevel Construction for Aug 17 on the Morgan City Pump Station Project and working to set a notice to proceed date and start the new test pile program.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth reported that the southern sheet pile installation is complete and only touch up paint remaining and the northern steel sheet pile is also complete on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth also reported the south jacket timber fender wall installation is complete, while the north jacket timber fender is 90% complete; piles need to be cut to grade and capped. Ms. Cutforth reported all modules are fully connected and the barge’s steel shell is completely fabricated on Phase 3 (Floodgate); blasting and painting is underway, 9 tanks are complete. The installing of cross-drains, side drains, and canal gates for Phase 4A of the project has been completed. Ms. Cutforth reported her office recommends awarding Rigid Construction the contract for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth also reported the bid opening date has been moved to Aug 19 for Phase 5 of the project

Ms. Cutforth reported her office anticipates a notice to proceed date of Aug 16 for Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD continues to meet with some members of the Police Jury of Assumption that have expressed an interest in exploring a more aggressive closing regimen for the Bayou Chene structure.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the approval of Amendment 1 to 2021 Admin Contract for APTIM. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign the Recreational Trails Program Agreement. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of CO#6 for Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize the adoption of the resolutions and the approval of awarding the contract to the lowest bidder from solicited quotes for the Phase 2 portion of the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to declare the hatch covers as surplus property to be properly disposed. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize the approval of awarding the contract for Phase 4B of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project to the lowest responsible bidder. After a second by Mr. Mancuso and an abstained vote by Mr. Terry, the motion carried.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize approval of CO#7 for Phase 2 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert 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. Crappell carried unanimously.

Attest:

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