

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

AUGUST 11, 2016  
FRANKLIN, 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard and with Luther Smith absent.

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

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the July 14 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, 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. Matte reported the letters to the landowners along the Bayou Choupique project have been drafted and are waiting for the Town of Baldwin’s Mayor to approve them before sending the letters out which will begin the acquisition process.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the field work for the wetland delineation has been completed and his office is currently waiting on this report for the Yokely Levee Project.

Mr. Miller reported the contractors are currently clearing the area of the South Willow Street Project. Mr. Miller also reported the pumps for the Franklin Canal Pump Station project will be delivered by barge in September.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the construction for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is still ongoing. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office submitted the 95% plans of the Final Design to CPRA for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office received the mitigation letter for the LA 70 portion from the USACOE.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing and his office is currently waiting on engineering division of the USACOE to finalize their parts of the process.

Mr. Pena reported the purchase of mitigation credits with Kilgore for the Bayou Teche project is completed. Mr. Pena stated the DNR is ready to issue the permit once the fees have been received. Mr. Pena also reported the mitigation letter has been sent to the USACOE.

Mr. Pena reported the contract for the removal of the Bayou Chene Emergency Closure Structure was awarded on June 23. Mr. Pena stated Change Order #2 was issued to add crane mats to protect the storage area. Mr. Pena also reported the BOA barge was returned to KIVA on July 30 and repair of the fender system is ongoing. Mr. Pena stated the removal of sandbags in Tabor Canal will commence next week.

Mr. Matte reported while at the ALBL meeting a discussion was held on the existing problems of the section 408 issues that are being experienced by all of the levee districts. Mr. Matte stated that language has been proposed by Sen. McCain for an upcoming WRDA bill to move the decision process of section 408 permits back to the District level.

Mr. Matte reported the Flood Insurance Coalition has now raised \$130,000 to address the flood insurance issue since the Flood Insurance Program is up for renewal in 2017 and will be hiring a director to fully address concerns on the upcoming renewal.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Avoca lease for 1.25 acres at \$500 per month for the offloading and loading of limestone. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Change Order 2 for the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure removal to add crane mats to protect the storage area. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment No. 13 to Task Order 5 of CB&I's contract for ongoing permitting process. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Contractor Application for Payment No. 1 on the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure Removal. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Blaine Crochet with Darnell, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick presented the audit for the year 2015. Mr. Crochet stated the only finding reported had to do with a lack of segregation of duties, which is common for small organizations. Mr. Arceneaux moved to accept the 2015 audit, which was seconded by Mr. Broussard and carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the CEA with Wax Lake East Drainage District for lease payment of \$2,000 for the use of a truck-towed road grader. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved for Mr. Brocato to purchase two hand held radios for emergencies. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to award the Avoca Road Repair Project to the lowest responsible and responsive bidder. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Change Orders No. 2 & 3 for Amelia Back Levee Emergency Repair project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District