

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING

DECEMBER 10, 2020  
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 12 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office made adjustments in the alignment and the ROW plans for the Yokely Levee Extension project.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office updated plans and specifications to publicly advertise for bids and will be updating electrical drawings for the new Morgan City pump station and drainage improvements. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office expects advertisement in January.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office submitted 50% plans to SMLD on the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office has a meeting scheduled to discuss with SMLD. Mr. O’Gorman reported the remaining geotechnical field work has been completed; his office is working on finalizing results and analysis.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported that Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project is also still ongoing; the jackets for the receiving structure were lifted and installation will begin soon, the floodwall and guide wall construction is ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), modules 1-3 are being fabricated, with module 4 on the line. Surveying and installation of silt fencing in completed for Phase 4A of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated clearing of ROW has started and they will be working closest to the structure first.

Ms. Cutforth reported the parking area and the additional limestone to be added on the slope of Victory Island remains to be installed for the Bayou Teche Project. Ms. Cutforth stated the conduits are in place from the power source to the pad and from the pad to the receiving structure; wiring in underway. Ms. Cutforth reported the North FS timber guide wall has been installed and the south FS time guide wall remains to be completed. The dolphins have been driven.

Mr. Matte reported CPRA has committed \$3 million to the Yokely Levee Extension and we are reviewing the Intergovernmental Agreement needed to access those funds.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2020 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Crappell motioned to adopt the district’s amended budget for FY 2020 and to adopt the FY 2021, which was followed by Mr. Hebert’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the proposed 2021 meeting schedule. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the purchase of a new drone. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize approval of Change Order 2 for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 3. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of Change Order 4 for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 1B. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize approval of Change Order 1 for Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 4A. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize to bring shore power to the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project after a cost analysis is done. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize a letter of no objection for the waterline project crossing at Bayou Sale West-Gordy. After a second by Mr. Broussard and abstain vote by Mr. Ortiz the motion carried unanimously.

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

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District