

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 9, 2017
MORGAN CITY, 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, Luther Smith and with Barry Broussard absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 7 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 16 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported all landowners along the Bayou Choupique project have been contacted and that he has met with the appraiser; appraisals are ongoing.

Jules Darden with Miller Engineers reported his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 process would be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller reported that a meeting will be held within the next few weeks with the Corps to discuss this permit.

Jules Darden reported that the work on the South Willow Street Pump Project is still ongoing with a completion date of mid-April.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is April 25. Mr. O’Gorman reported that Sleca is in the process of relocating the power lines for the Lake End Park to Justa Street segment. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the notice to proceed to the contractors has been put on hold until the relocating of the power lines is completed. Mr. O’Gorman also reported his office met with City of Morgan City and the Drainage District#2 regarding the bid process, construction sequencing, and the impact of closing the main entrance of Lake End Park for the LA 70 portion. Mr. O’Gorman stated that his office is still waiting on the DOTD permit for that portion.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena stated his office recently met with CPRA on the Increase Atchafalaya project and discussed coordination between the two projects.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated research of the property owners along the right-of-ways is in process and the plat maps are being prepared.

Mr. Matte reported the local municipalities and the Parish are to adopt their maps by ordinance starting Feb. 22 and they should have an expected effective date of April 19.

Mr. Matte reported on the FEMA reimbursement. Mr. Matte stated they SMLD has yet to receive any reimbursements and has met with GOHSEP in an attempt to satisfy any concerns that have on our documentation.

Mr. Matte reported on the cost estimates for the fencing, gates, and cattle guards on the potential cattle leases of SMLD property.

Mr. Pena showed a presentation on the Increase Atchafalaya diversion which SMLD is proposing to combine with the Bayou Chene Flood Control Project; combining the two projects could potentially bring the cost to build both projects down.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a supporting resolution for a bond proposition that will be on Morgan City area voter's March 25 election ballot for St. Mary Parish Consolidated Drainage District No. 2 to build, reconstruct and move a pump station as part of the Morgan City Levee Improvement Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize SMLD to spend \$38,000 for geotechnical analysis to determine how long sheet piling should be to raise the Justa Street levee in the Morgan City as part of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the renewal of the Executive Director agreement with \$350 a month increase. After Mr. Vidos' second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to propose to EDA a time extension of one year and a scope reduction of project to bring the design of Bayou Chene Flood Control Project to 60% for the outstanding grant with EDA.

Mr. Matte reported the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire needs to be approved for audit purposes each year. Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign above mentioned questionnaire, which was seconded by Mr. Smith and 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.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District