

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

May 12, 2022
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: J.P. Hebert, Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Norris Crappell and with Luther Smith and Mike Ortiz 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 Mar 10 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Mancuso moved to approve. Following Mr. Lipari’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. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that contractors are 77% complete on the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated the wall has been ordered and is in transit.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is evaluating potential design alternatives along the proposed project alignment based on the latest geotechnical analysis for the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor has completed installing the concrete piles in the sump for the Morgan City Pump Station Project and is currently working on steel sheet pile installation.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported the winches continue to experience operational difficulties and are being addressed of the Bayou Chene on Phase 3 (Floodgate). Ms. Cutforth stated the work on the levee on Tabor is to elevation and the I-wall installation is completed for Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth also reported rip rap installation is complete and seeding and fertilizing to start once final grading is complete and final survey submittal is reviewed and approved for that portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth reported the surveying has been completed for Phase 5 (Electrical) of the project.

Mr. Matte reported now the Bayou Chene project nears completion SMLD will move forward with formalizing the agreements with the area partners. Mr. Matte stated the ribbon cutting ceremony for the Bayou Chene Flood Control that was held on April 29, which was a huge success. Mr. Matte thanked the SMLD Board of Commissioners and all members of the Board going back to 2011 for their emergency efforts to then pursuing a permanent solution. Mr. Matte also thanked the contactors that SMLD worked with during the various phases of the project. Mr. Matte reported the many changes to pricing of Flood Insurance, all are just now learning the impacts on property owners of the new rate methodology and will continue to update on its challenges.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Terry moved to adopt the 2022 millage resolution of 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2022 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by **ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT**:

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operations

5 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2022, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 2 for Phase 4B of the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of final acceptance of Phase 2 of the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize approval of revising the land owner signature on the permit application to the applicant signature but applicant must show proof they have authority to do so. After a second by Mr. Terry 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