

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 13, 2021  
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met at the Emergency Operations Center, Morgan City on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Daniel Lipari, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso and Will Terry.

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

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

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert 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 his office has submitted plans and specs to CPRA for the Yokely Levee Extension Project for review. Mr. Miller also reported that the land rights are still outstanding. Mr. Miller stated that three Cleco power poles need to be relocated.

Robert Karam reported that bids for the Pump Station were received on April 15<sup>th</sup> and that his office has scheduled a meeting with SeaLevel, the low bidders, to discuss cost savings. Mr. Karam stated that his is continuing with the cost estimates of the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Kevin DeZarn with APTIM reported that the northern steel sheet piles are installed and cut to grade; crews are working on welding to walers and cap plates at the site on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. DeZarn also reported the sluice gate package is fully fabricated and is being prepared for installation in the sheet pile wall. Mr. DeZarn stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), and that modules 1-16 are on the erection line. All embankment material is on the Island and the installing of cross-drains, side drains, and canal gates for Phase 4A of the project continues. Mr. DeZarn stated his office is waiting on the approval for the advertisement from CPRA for the Phase 4B portion of the project.

Mr. DeZarn reported the punch list items for the Bayou Teche Project is still ongoing. Mr. DeZarn stated that the final inspection is scheduled for next week.

Mr. Matte stated that the Atchafalaya River is expected to crest at just below 6’ on May 22.

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. Hebert moved to adopt the 2021 millage resolution of 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2021 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT.

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operation	5 mills
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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 2021, 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. Crappell moved to authorize the approval of Amendment #8 for Task Order #6 for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval on Change Order #4 on Phase 2 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval of Change Order #3 on Phase 3 of the bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the signing of the agreement with Cleco for the relocation of utility poles as needed for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize establishing operation criteria for the Yokely Levee Extension flood walls across Gulf Craft and Metal Shark. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize payment a landowner for ROW for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign agreements required to complete the right of way acquisitions for the Yokely Levee Extension and the Yokely Bayou Canal State Drainage 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

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