

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14, 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: William Hidalgo, J.P. Hebert, James Vidos, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Barry Broussard, Alton Broussard, Kenny Arceneaux and with Luther Smith and Alton Broussard absent.

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

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the August 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported that the appraisals are completed for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project and that we are ready to move forward on the land acquisitions once permits and funding are in place.

Jason St. Romain with Miller Engineers reported that his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 permission would not be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. St. Romain stated the USACOE will continue their technical review and that they will finalize plans to raise the levee to a +8’ elevation.

Mr. St. Romain reported that there was a malfunction on the pumps for the South Willow Street Pump Project and the manufacture/supplier will be on site to correct the issues. Mr. St. Romain stated that the final punch list items are being worked on for the Franklin Canal Pump Station and the damaged check valves will be replaced within the next two weeks.

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 August 9 with weather days pending. Mr. O’Gorman reported that he held a progress meeting for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project to discuss the change order on the gate valves on Pump Station #6. Mr. O’Gorman also reported that he held a preconstruction meeting and that a notice to proceed may be issued on October 9 for the LA 70 portion of the project.

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 also reported his office will request an extension on the DNR permit that was received in Sept 2015. Mr. Pena stated his office recently met with CPRA to review the model runs on the Increase Atchafalaya project and received a memo from CPRA detailing the Bayou Chene, Bayou Boeuf, and GIWW flow rates with and without the project. Mr. Pena stated that a letter has been drafted by his office with questions regarding the Increase Atchafalaya Model.

Mr. Pena reported that his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is proceeding. Plat maps are being prepared. Mr. Pena also reported that after receiving right of entry from landowners regarding soil borings, the borings have been completed. The geo-tech report is scheduled to be completed by the end of September.

Mr. Matte reported that an application for funding assistance through the CPRA-Parish Restore Act Matching Opportunities Program has been submitted. Mr. Matte also reported that

CPRA Capital Outlay request did include the Bayou Chene, the Bayou Teche and the Justa Street Levee projects.

Mr. Bourgeois reported his office continues to research titles for the tracts that are being considered for cattle grazing.

Mr. Matte reported that Cabot has agreed to provide SMLD with the right of entry agreement required by the USACOE for the North Bend Phase B project. Mr. Matte also reported SMLD is waiting for the agreement with JM Burguieres and SMLD is developing an agreement to be signed by CLECO.

Mr. Matte reported on a meeting with Town of Berwick officials regarding rules and regulations. Officials will begin the process of addressing the encroachments along the levees and floodwalls in Berwick. Mr. Matte reported the next annual levee inspections for 2017 has been set for Nov 8 and 9. Mr. Matte stated the quarterly inspections are up to date and there were no significant deficiencies noted.

Mr. Matte reported recently a temporary extension of the NFIP has passed the House and Senate, which will continue the program beyond its September 30 expiration date until December 8.

Mr. Matte reported on preparations taken in anticipation of Hurricane Harvey. In addition to closing Franklin Canal and pumping down the Canal, gaps along Industrial Road were filled to prevent storm surge from the Charenton Canal. Thus far about \$12,000 was expended in costs to prepare for this event.

After a discussion relative to owners of right-of-ways needing a permit to relocate a pole within their existing right-of-way, Mr. Crappell moved to authorize SMLD to revise the Permit request application documents regarding owner signatures. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

After a discussion regarding the condition of the 1998 Dodge Ram Pickup, Mr. Hebert moved to adopt a resolution declaring said vehicle to be surplus and authorizing SMLD to auction the vehicle in the upcoming public, Parish Auction. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign an amendment to the existing CEA with the City of Morgan City to facilitate the SMLD's contribution in the amount of \$8,700 to fund the purchase of a Rhino TS12 flex deck mower for a tractor used to maintain the levees in Morgan City. After a second by Mr. Crappell 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 and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District