

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 20, 2023
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: Will Terry, J.P. Hebert, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Ortiz and with Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Luther Smith, Norris Crappell absent.

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

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 16 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’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. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported FTN has submitted the latest version of their modeling update today which includes the last two modeling runs for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Plan. Mr. Karam stated his office has notified SMLD the two flow meters will be delivered tomorrow and will coordinate getting the equipment to ENCOS for calibration and also to get the installation scheduled sometime in the next three weeks.

Mr. Karam reported the geotechnical engineer mobilized to the project site yesterday and performed the exploratory soil borings today for the Lakeside project and plan to demobilize tomorrow afternoon.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor is continuing to progress and plans to begin pump removal Monday for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractor’s projected completion date has been pushed to the end June.

Mr. Brocato reported that samples have been pulled from both the Franklin Canal and Bayou Teche structures and is currently waiting for the results. Mr. Brocato stated that a maintenance closure is scheduled for the Bayou Teche structure on May 8th & May 9th. Mr. Brocato also reported the cameras and electric are up and running at the Bayou Chene structure and the flow gauges were installed.

Mr. Matte reported that the USACOE is still into flood fight status due to the Mississippi River stage at New Orleans is now over 11’ and is expected to drop below 11’ as early as the beginning of next week. Mr. Matte stated they are in Phase 1 of the flood fight with no other anticipated responses are in the plans. Mr. Matte also reported the Atchafalaya River is now at 5.3’ and has crested.

Mr. Ortiz moved to authorize a centerline survey for Morgan City backwater. After Mr. Hebert’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize SMLD to declare the Dodge truck surplus. After Mr. Terry’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the acceptance of bids for the gauge network. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Change Order 7 for Phase 5 for a voltage meter on the electrical installation at the Bayou Chene structure. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, 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. Hebert carried unanimously.

Attest:

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