

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

December 21, 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, Norris Crappell, Andrew Mancuso and with Mike Ortiz and Kenny Arceneaux absent.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 16 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. David Hill newly elect St. Mary Parish Council Member District IV introduced himself and is looking to work with the SMLD in the future.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported the meeting his office had with the residents for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study went well.

Mr. Karam reported the contractor will install the pumps for the Morgan City Pump Station by the end of January.

Mr. Brocato reported the levee was sprayed on Avoca. Mr. Brocato stated the limestone will be moved off of the Calumet area property by the end of January.

Mr. Matte reported the low water levels continue to cause issues along the Mississippi River, the low stage is expected to reach 3.5’ at Baton Rouge. The Atchafalaya River at Morgan City did hit .65’ with the passage of the recent cold front.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Crappell motioned to adopt the district’s amended budget for FY 2023 and to adopt the FY 2024 budget, which was followed by Mr. Mancuso’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to adopt the 2024 meeting schedule. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize the removal of the remaining limestone and pipe pile stored at the Wax Outlet site. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Mancuso carried unanimously.

Attest:

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