

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 12, 2013
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: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Barry Broussard, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell and Luther Smith.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robby Robinson; Dwayne Bourgeois, North Lafourche Drainage District; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Sam Jones, State Representative and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 14 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Jones thanked SMLD for completing the Franklin Canal project as this was the first CPRA project to be completed.

Mr. Matte reported Miller Engineers has forwarded information to the Town of Baldwin’s attorney for the purpose of detailing the property ownership of the surrounding areas of the proposed Bayou Choupique levees for the purposes of beginning the title searches.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported meetings are continuing with land owners about the Yokeley Levee project. Once the property plats are completed an agreement will be drawn up.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project will be submitted once it is complete.

Mr. Pena reported the bidding of the Franklin Canal Pump Station should take place within 45 days and a pre-bid meeting should be the second week of January.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers has pushed back the dates of the preliminary results, the results should be produced prior to the Jan meeting and reports should be submitted by the end of February.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported final markups have been made on the drawings that were sent to USACE to accommodate what was already done by the USACE on both the Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou.

T. Baker Smith’s Jason Kennedy reported on the status of the work that has been done on the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP). Mr. Kennedy stated the geotechnical and survey work has been completed and preliminary results report should be ready for review in the next two weeks.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and goetech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. Mr. Pena also stated surveying for modeling has been completed as well and the modelers are completing the requested model runs.

Mr. Matte stated he has been in contact with the USACOE is regards to the LSER reports. The final report date hasn’t been changed; the date is still January 30. Mr. Matte stated that he received the Levee Safety Evaluation Report on the Morgan City ring levees. The report

covers the Federal levees is Morgan City and a similar report was given to Berwick which confirms do meet the 1% storm elevation.

Mr. Matte stated he attended the ALBL meeting in New Orleans at the beginning of the month. Mr. Matte also stated two days of levee inspections have just been completed.

Mr. Bourgeois reported he has received a draft of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) that has been drafted by an attorney by the USACOE. Mr. Bourgeois discussed a few of the items on the PPA and stated SMLD needs to determine what responsibilities they would like to take on.

Mr. Matte discussed the letter of engagement from Darnell, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick to perform the levee district's 2013 audit. Mr. Hebert authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign the said engagement letter. After the second by Mr. Vidos, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Dwayne Bourgeois, executive director of North Lafourche Drainage District, discussed how the South Central Industrial Association, North Lafourche Drainage District, and Gulf Economic Survival Team are working to form a coalition with several other entities aimed at making changes in the Biggert-Waters Act to get affordable flood insurance. Mr. Bourgeois stated the coalition plans to hire a lobbyist in order to explain to people who are opposed to changes in the Biggert-Waters Act and why the changes should be important to them. Also stated by Mr. Bourgeois was that St. Mary Parish is unique in that it has some levees certified for 100-year flood protection and asked if SMLD would pledge \$5000 to help form the coalition. Mr. Crappell moved St. Mary Levee District pledge the \$5000, and seconded by Mr. Broussard. The motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo stated that SMLD intends to have a public meeting in the future on the rules and regulations.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District