

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 12, 2015
BERWICK, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with J.P. Hebert presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Will Terry, Luther Smith, Barry Broussard, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux and with William Hidalgo absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman and Kodi Babin, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 8 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Leonard Rainey with Senator David Vitter’s office introduced himself and mentioned that he would like to meet with each board member individually.

Mr. Reid Miller, with Miller Engineers reported that the Town of Baldwin’s attorney is finishing up with the right-of-ways surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees.

Mr. Miller reported the Yokeley Levee project is still on hold as some of its funding is to be allocated to help assist with Franklin Pump Station.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported a monthly update conference call was held on Feb 4 on the Franklin Canal Pump Station project. Monthly, conferences on the first Wednesdays will follow. Supplies and equipment are being ordered and the contractor plans to start in the field May or June. A meeting was held on site Feb 11 to discuss the location of the termination of the gas line.

Mr. Miller reported the Hanson Canal project is expected to be finished by April or May and then the contractor will begin on the Yellow Bayou project.

Mr. Miller reported that Southern Constructors is on site at the Wax Lake East Levee project. Mr. Miller stated materials are in the process of being ordered and will be onsite shortly. A Change Order is needed for the Wax Lake East Levee project to perform additional work in the amount of \$12,014. Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign said Change Order. Following Mr. Crappell’s second, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project public notice has ended for the USACOE and permit application has been submitted. The section from Lake End Park to Justa Street has gone out on public notice for both the USACOE and DNR and will end Feb 20th. Mr. O’Gorman also reported the USACOE stated the survey for cultural resources does not need to be provided; the study was done in 1980’s and should not interfere with the permit process for the project. Also, his office started the preliminary plans for Hwy 70 segment and obtaining the DOTD permit.

Mr. Pena reported that the Bayou Chene project is still in the permitting process. His office is ready to start design once all the comments are received from the various agencies on the preliminary report. He also reported the USACOE has navigation concerns and a response letter is currently being drafted. The mitigation project drawings for Continental Land & Fur has been submitted.

Mr. Pena stated that an amendment is needed for additional services for additional modeling for the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amendment mentioned above for the amount of \$37,110.30. Following Mr. Crappell's second, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that all permit requests requiring mitigation has been delayed due to recently passed legislation prohibiting the use of the "Modified Charleston Method" for determining wetland mitigation requirements. Mr. Matte also reported that he along with Mr. Hidalgo attended the CPRA meeting and presented a presentation on the Bayou Chene project.

Mr. Brocato reported on the weekend levee patrols done by the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office. Mr. Brocato stated that the time and places of the patrols will need to be worked out but overall it's been effective thus far.

Mr. Matte reported the Bayou Teche project has recently been denied the grant for funding, however SMLD will reapply. Mr. Matte stated in the meantime SMLD will compile cost estimates to move forward on the permitting process for the Bayou Teche project.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District