

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

February 14, 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, Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Andrew Mancuso, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, and with Raleigh Boudreaux absent.

Also present: Hilary Thibodeaux, SMLD’s Executive Director; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena , Shaw Group; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas and Rickey Brouillette, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Robbie Robinson; Paul Naquin, Parish President; Frank Grizzaffi, Mayor of Morgan City; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. And, there were none.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported the status of the designing of permanent structures for the Hansen Canal and Yellow Bayou. He stated the designs are almost complete and plans to attend meeting on Feb 20.

Shaw Group’s Jeff Pena reported his office is still awaiting a decision regarding structure opening width on the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure Project. Mr. Pena also gave an update for the Franklin Canal Project and the pump station design. Mr. Pena discussed amending Task Order 6 for additional funds for the modeling of the Bayou Teche Flood Control Project. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amendment #1 to Task Order 6. Following Mr. Crappell’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibodeaux reported there were seven (7) Letters of No Objection (LNO) for consideration and approval by the District. (i.) SJB Group is requesting approval to drill nine soil borings for a subsurface geotechnical investigation. Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Hebert seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (ii.) Plains All American Pipeline is requesting approval to drill two, four inch diameter soil borings to obtain subsurface soil data to evaluate a pipeline route. Mr. Terry moved to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Crappell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (iii.) The Gavilon Group is requesting approval to drill thirteen, four inch soil borings to provide soil information. Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Vidos seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (iv.) Trunkline Gas Company is requesting approval to drill four geotechnical borings to collect soil samples for soil data evaluations. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Broussard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (v.) Plains Pipeline is requesting approval to perform a horizontal directional drill beneath the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway to install a 12-inch diameter pipeline and a permatized block valve site. Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Mancuso seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (vi.) Plains Pipeline is requesting approval to excavate in two locations to bury a test lead wire for cathodic protection monitoring for the existing Burn Dock Pipeline. Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Broussard seconded the motion, which carried unanimously. (vii.) Plains Pipeline is requesting approval to perform anomaly repairs at ten locations of the Plains BBG-Atchafalaya 12-inch pipeline. Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Smith seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibodeaux discussed the presentation of the results from the USCOE’s levee evaluation reports which were performed as port of the levee certification requirements. Mr. Thibodeaux reported that first quarter levee inspections are coming up in the next week.

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

Mr. Bourgeois reported that advertisement for employment of the Executive Director was placed in all major publications both in print and on-line. Mr. Mancuso moved to expand the agenda to add the pursuit of Intergovernmental Agreements between the District and all public bodies in the Parish under an Act of Assurance with the Corps and to appoint a spokesperson to attend any meetings. Following Mr. Terry's second, the motion carried unanimously. And, Mr. Hidalgo appointed Mr. Mancuso as spokesperson relative to discussions with such entities.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign a letter of support of DFIRM (Digital Flood Insurance Rate Map) Non-accredited Levees Policy. Following Mr. Smith's second, the motion carried unanimously.

After Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any, Mr. Crappell moved for adjournment. Following Mr. Mancuso's second, it carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District