

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 13, 2013
PATTERSON, 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, Andrew Mancuso, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, and with Raleigh Boudreaux, Luther Smith, and Will Terry, absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Oneil Malbrough, CB&I Co.; Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Mayor Frank Grizzaffi, City of Morgan City; Bo LaGrange, St. Mary Parish Government; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 14 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. Hebert’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. There were none.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported on the Yokeley Levee project, south of Franklin; he stated the preliminary designs are complete and landowners are starting to be contacted of the project moving forward. Also he gave updates on Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou. Mr. Miller reported St. Mary Parish approved the mitigation contract for Hanson Canal at their last meeting. His office is now waiting for the permits from the USACOE and CPRA.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported a revision of the completion schedule on the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project due to rain days is now August 15. Also reported was the status of the Franklin Canal Pump Station, 95% of designs were submitted to CPRA early in June. Mr. Pena reported a modeling contractor has been hired for the Bayou Teche project. A kick off meeting will be scheduled as early as next week, following the meeting surveying data will begin to be collected for the model input. The permitting, Geotech, and surveying has commenced on the Bayou Chene project and the permit application has been submitted to the USCOE. Mr. Pena discussed an amendment was needed on Task Order #5 for modeling and permit purposes. Mr. Mancuso motioned for Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment #2 on Task Order#5. After seconded by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported on the Bayou Choupiqué Flood Protection project in the Baldwin area; a cooperative endeavor agreement will be discussed between the levee district and the Town of Baldwin to take over the project. Also, St. Mary Levee District is now the spokesman for the levees within the City of Morgan City and the Town of Berwick after the CEAs were signed by the Mayors. The District is still working on a CEA with the Parish. Mr. Matte reported levee inspections will start as early as next week and also reported that some of the sheet pile located at Athena’s yard has been marked by the contractor working on the Franklin Canal Project.

Mr. Matte announced an Operation Manager for the St. Mary Levee District has been hired after conducting numerous interviews. He stated that Mr. Michael Brocato Jr. will start on July 1st.

Mr. Hidalgo reported the lease for the limestone was up for renewal. Mr. Broussard motioned for Mr. Hidalgo to sign said lease, which was seconded by Mr. Mancuso. The motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District