

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 13, 2019
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois; William Bourgeois; Hilary Thibodeaux, APTIM; Kevin O’Gorman and Thomas Naquin, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA and members of the public and media.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to expand the agenda to add the May 30 minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 9 regular meeting minutes and the May 30 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. A. Broussard’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Matte reported the contractor has completed 40% of the work on the Bayou Choupique project. Mr. Matte stated that the change order for the elevation of the levee from a 7 foot to 8 foot has been approved.

Mr. Matte reported that 70% of the Yokely Levee has been completed. Mr. Matte stated that a half foot of rock has been place on top of the 10 foot levee.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that his office has submitted 60% design plans for the new Morgan City pump station.

Mr. Hilary Thibodeaux with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Thibodeaux stated that Phase 1a which is now clearing and grubbing, will go out for bid July 1st and Phase 1b which is the dredging portion will commence once the removal date for the emergency structure is determined. Mr. Thibodeaux also stated that his office will complete Phases 2-4 final designs and submit by November 22nd. Mr. Thibodeaux reported his office is continuing to work with the attorneys on the land acquisitions and right of ways for the project.

Mr. Thibodeaux reported the emergency closure of the Bayou Chene was completed by June 4th. Mr. Thibodeaux stated the complete closure from procurement to installation took 12 days. Mr. Thibodeaux stated the structure is holding back on average 12 inches of water with the max water difference at 24 inches. Mr. Thibodeaux reported that the contractor Chet Morrison is monitoring the emergency closure 24 hours a day until June 21 and Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries will be providing 24 hours security services going forward.

Mr. Thibodeaux reported all permitting is in place for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Thibodeaux stated that the ROW coordination is still ongoing and the attorneys are proceeding with the ROW acquisitions for all the affected landowners. Mr. Thibodeaux also reported that the 100% design has been submitted, his office is waiting for the revisions from the SMLD legal advisor for submittal to DOTD.

Mr. Matte reported the work crews from the USACOE have completed the work on the wash out area near the Franklin Canal. Mr. Matte stated that a temporary extension for the NFIP has passed the House and Senate, which will continue the program beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2017 until September 30, 2019. Mr. Matte reported that a bill has passed through

the US House Financial Committee to extend the NFIP up to five years. Mr. Matte also reported that he continues to pursue the IGAs with the other parishes for the operation and maintenance cost of the Bayou Chene floodgate.

Mr. Brocato reported that he spoke with the USACOE on some of the issues that are of concern around the parish. Mr. Brocato stated the USACOE potentially have available funds to correct the elevation problem near Wilson's Landing and the Berwick Locks. Mr. Brocato stated he showed him the culvert near the Charenton Flood Gate and the Morgan City floodwall that is seeping.

Mr. Crappell motioned to renew Miller Engineers miscellaneous service contract, after a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to approve an endorsement letter for a 408 USACOE permit for Birla Carbon. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to adopt a Sexual Harassment Prevention policy. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to declare the sand hoppers as surplus property and sell at auction. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo and Mr. Matte to sign a cooperative endeavor agreement with the CPRA for the permanent Bayou Chene Flood Control and Diversion Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to authorize SMLD to expropriate three parcels of land along Tabor Canal and authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign agreements relating to acquisition for the permanent Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amendment to Task Order #1 with APTIM for work on the temporary Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize SMLD to advertise for the removal of the Bayou Chene Emergency structure. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize SMLD to advertise the Bayou Chene Flood Protection project Phase 1A and 1B for bid. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Broussard motioned to authorize the form and content of the intergovernmental agreement with SMLD's partners to provide funding for operation and maintenance and other costs associated with the Bayou Chene permanent project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District