

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 8, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 9 special meeting minutes and the May 18 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Miller reported his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 permission would be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller reported that a meeting was to be held with USACOE to discuss the permit and could take up to a year to complete the process.

Mr. Miller reported that the pumps on the South Willow Street Pump Project were installed and pumps at Franklin Canal Pump Station should be installed and started within the next two weeks.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is the end of June. Mr. O’Gorman reported that notice to proceed was issued April 3 for the Lake End Park to Justa Street segment with a completion date of May 2018. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office will hold a pre bid meeting for the LA 70 portion June 15 and the bid opening June 27.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena also reported his office will request an extension on the DNR permit that was received in Sept 2015. Mr. Pena stated his office recently met with CPRA on the Increase Atchafalaya project and discussed coordination between the two projects.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated research of the property owners along the right-of-ways is in process and the plat maps are being prepared. Mr. Pena also reported that SMLD will engage an appraiser for the affected properties.

Mr. Matte reported there is still a legal issue concerning the closure of the haul road that runs parallel to the levee that will be shut off to public access due to the leases. Mr. Matte stated that the Parish council would take that up at their upcoming meeting.

Mr. Matte reported that the EDA grant is to close out in September 2017 therefore SMLD is submitting invoices and requesting the balance of the funding in order to allow EDA to close out this grant. Mr. Matte also reported that we are in the middle of the 2017 high water season and the river has crested at approximately 7.2 foot. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD did not have to implement any flood fighting measures however SMLD worked closely with Parish, City, and Town officials. Mr. Matte reminded everyone that permits will be affected due to the fact that the Carrolton gauge is over 11 foot and predicted to go over the 15 foot mark.

Mr. Matte also reported the USACOE has secured funding for the construction of a levee around the Cabot facility on the GIWW in the area south of Centerville. SMLD would be

working with the USACOE to secure the real estate interest as the non-federal sponsor of this project; USACOE would like to have the project committed prior to September 30 which is the end of the federal fiscal year.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize SMLD to spend \$111,000 for surveying, coordination and modeling efforts on Lake Palourde's still water elevation relating to the Morgan City Levee Improvements. Mr. Matte reported on the spending thus far on this project and the impact on the budget for this proposal. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte gave a report on a proposal to move forward on the Bayou Teche project for the Board to consider at a later date. The geotechnical data gathering, surveying work on the entire project and the design work on the levee portion closing off the northern opening would cost approximately \$235,000. No action was requested of the Board.

Mr. Matte reported on Section 7001 of the WRRDA bill of 2014, which provides an opportunity for Levee Districts and other sponsors to submit projects to the Corps to get them included in future USACE plans. Mr. Matte suggested that the Levees West of Charenton Canal may be a candidate for this provision.

Mr. Hebert 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