

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 9, 2016
FRANKLIN, 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, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, and Luther Smith, with Barry Broussard absent.

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

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 19 regular meeting minutes after a name change correction. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported the contract for an appraiser is ongoing for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project. Mr. Matte also reported that letters are waiting to be sent out to the land owners, which is the first step.

Reid Miller reported his office started the surveying process for the Yokely Levee Project.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the submittals for the South Willow Street Project are still ongoing. Mr. Miller also reported the submittals have been approved for the South Willow pumps; however the submittals for the Franklin Canal pumps have been revised.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the contractors for the Siracusville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project has completed the clearing of the borrow pit area. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office received the permit from the USACOE for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. O’Gorman stated that his office is moving forward with the Final Design and should have the 95% plans ready to submit by mid-July. Mr. O’Gorman stated the 95% plans will be ready to submit within the next two weeks for the LA 70 portion.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing. Mr. Pena stated the USACOE initiated the 408 permitting process and is currently waiting on engineering division to finalize their parts of the process and once that is complete they will be submitting it up to division for approval.

Mr. Pena reported the purchase of mitigation credits with Kilgore for the Bayou Teche project is underway and the contract has been finalized and ready to be executed.

Mr. Pena reported the removal plan was advertised on May 18 for the Bayou Chene emergency structure. Mr. Pena also reported a pre-bid meeting and site visit was conducted on May 31, which approximately 21 contractors attended. Mr. Pena stated the bid opening is scheduled for June 16.

Mr. Miller reported the plans and specs for the repairs on the Avoca Road will be completed within a week and once that is completed a meeting will be held to review the plans.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE continues to process the updated information on the Wax Lake East Levees. Mr. Matte stated the USACOE has recently submitted to the Levee District and to the Town of Berwick the new LSER confirming that the levees do meet the 100

year storm protection standards. Mr. Matte reported a meeting is schedule with GOHSEP and FEMA later in the month to discuss reimbursements.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that the Avoca litigation in ongoing and Avoca has filed an opposition to DNR's permit. Mr. Bourgeois stated there is a court date scheduled for July 1.

Mr. Matte reported he and Mr. Brocato met with Mr. LaGrange with St. Mary Parish to discuss a proposal for offering levee sections for cattle operation leases.

Nicole Cutforth with CB&I reported the workable map for the Master Plan has been created and will be uploaded to the SMLD website once it is completed. Ms. Cutforth and Mr. Holt gave an overview of the map for the different projects and segments of the levees.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment No. 7 to T Baker Smith's contract for the Morgan City Levee Improvement Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the contract for the limestone bid for Avoca Road repairs. After a second by Mr. Hebert 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. Vidos and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District