

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 13, 2014  
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, William Hidalgo, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, and Will Terry, with Luther Smith and Barry Broussard absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Marc Rogers, T. Baker Smith; Robby Robinson; John Eblen, United States Corp of Engineers; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 13 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Cantrell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported the Town of Baldwin’s attorney completed the title search to detail property ownership surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees. His office is working on the property plats with more survey work needed.

Mr. Miller reported that he met with the new owners of the property along the Yokeley Levee project. Mr. Miller stated the new owners are still determining where the new office building will be located.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the as built drawings for the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project have been received. He is currently reviewing the data.

Mr. Pena reported the pre-bid meeting was held last week for the Franklin Canal Pump Station. They are currently working on the addendum of the minutes of the meeting and answering questions asked. Bid opening will be held Mar 18 at CPRA’s office in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers have pushed back the dates again of the preliminary results due to delays with mesh and elevation data.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported a tentative bid date of April 17 has been set for the Hanson/Yellow Bayou project. Mr. Miller stated he has received the permit for Hanson Canal and is currently waiting for the permit for Yellow Bayou.

Mr. Matte reported that a project on the mainline levees has received funding and asked if Mr. John Eblen with the USACOE would report on it.

Mr. Eblen reported the Tiger Island floodwall project in Morgan City has been approved to be constructed within the year. Mr. Eblen stated the project will consist of removing 40 feet of I-wall, realigning the wall with levee expansion, installing 300 feet of L-wall and raising the remainder of the levee up to the Bayou Boeuf locks.

Mr. Matte reported the preliminary designs for the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP) has been completed with a cost of construction higher than originally budgeted. The geo technical analysis evidenced that the soil on the levee is fine but the ground it sits on is not adequate. The stability of the levee also is questioned due to the proximity of the drainage canal next to the levee.

Mr. Marc Rogers of T. Baker Smith reported they may be able to trim possibly as much as \$1.5 million off the current project cost. Mr. Rogers said by utilizing sheet pile that the district owns and by not raising some street crossings could save cost on the project.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and geotech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. He is currently working on the permit. Mr. Pena attended a meeting with USWF to answer additional questions on the modeling. His office just received the supplemental report and once that is reviewed, it will be submitted to USACOE.

Mr. Matte reported that he and Bill Hidalgo met with Avoca, Inc. to review options on borrow material and mitigation for the Bayou Chene project.

Mr. Matte stated the updated Wax Lake East LSER final report date has been delayed once more.

Mr. Matte reported that two conference calls have been held with FEMA and their contractors since the meeting hosted by St. Mary Parish Government to discuss the options available to the Cities and Parish to move forward with DFIRM adoption.

Mr. Brocato reported that he has started discussions with Cabot on obtaining an annual operating permit. Mr. Brocato stated that he soon start calling cattle owners into the office to sign off on the signature page of the rules and regulations.

Mr. Matte reported he would like to expand the agenda to add taking action to enter into an agreement with Wax Lake East Drainage District much like the agreement the levee district has with St Mary Drainage District #1. Mr. Matte also would like to add a resolution to thank Mr. Garrett Graves of CPRA for his support of the levee district.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to expand the agenda to add the above mentioned items. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to enter into a CEA with the Wax Lake East Drainage District. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a resolution thanking and congratulating Mr. Graves. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois reported the completion of his revisions to the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA). Mr. Bourgeois stated that once all input from Board members had been received he would finalize and submit to the USACOE for its consideration. Mr. Hebert motioned to send the draft PPA to the USACOE. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bourgeois also stated he's currently waiting to hear from Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District on CEA approval to facilitate their contribution of \$500,000 towards engineering fees for the Bayou Chene Project.

Mr. Hebert reported that the executive committee recommends renewing the executive director's contract with a \$700 monthly increase. Mr. Crappell motioned to renew the contract. Following Mr. Terry's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that Gaviion Midstream Energy requested to relocate a portion of a levee road in Franklin south of the railroad to be able to access a new rail spur. Mr. Matte suggested that SMLD concur with St. Mary Parish and St. Mary Parish Drainage District #1. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the legal documents to facilitate the road relocation. Following Mr. Vidos' second, 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District