

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 11, 2021
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met at the Emergency Operations Center, Morgan City on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Daniel Lipari, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux and Will Terry.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth and Kevin DeZarn, APTIM; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 11 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that the 95% level design plans for the Yokely Levee Extension project have been complete and were submitted to CPRA for review and comment. Mr. Miller stated that his office has also submitted the plans to the pipeline companies for LNO purposes. Mr. Miller reported a permit request has been submitted to DOTD. Mr. Miller also reported that Metal Shark and Gulf Craft are ready to sign the right-of-way agreements.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the new Morgan City pump station will go out for bid April 8 and will have a pre-bid meeting April 24.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office is continuing with the design of the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported that Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project is also still ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), 12 of the 16 modules have been fabricated and out on the assembly line and are being connected; three additional modules are being fabricated. Dirt is being transported to the Island and the final grading on the borrow canal section for Phase 4A of the project has been completed. Ms. Cutforth stated her office has finalized the designs and specifications for the Phase 4B portion of the project and it should be ready to advertise for bid by the end of the month.

Ms. Cutforth reported the final testing of the floodgate utilizing shore power and accompanied by SMLD personnel is scheduled for the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that the Charenton Canal Floodgate replacement is a project of the USACOE.

Mr. Matte reported that recent information indicates that there is 3 phase electrical service on Avoca Island and SMLD is exploring the cost and benefit of operating the Barge Structure by shore power rather than the generator as currently planned. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD is also looking into getting pricing for added security features for the structure.

Mr. Matte stated that the Atchafalaya River will begin to experience high river levels with spring approaching. Mr. Matte stated the forecast that was received indicated that we may see a 6’ foot river by March 22. Mr. Matte also stated that with the Ohio River dropping, SMLD would take little action until the River exceeds 6’.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize the advertising for Bayou Chene Phase 4B portion of the project subject to the approval by CPRA. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 6 for the Bayou Teche project. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the issuance of a statement of no objection for a natural gas line installation along the Hanson Canal Levee for SMP Consolidated Drainage District No.1. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between SMP Consolidated Drainage District No. 1, St. Mary Parish Government, and the City of Franklin regarding the Yokely Bayou Canal State Drainage District. 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

J. P Hebert, Vice President
St. Mary Levee District