

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 2023
FRANKLIN, LA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Gerard Bourgeois, William Bourgeois; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; Ranjit Jadhav, FTN Associates; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the April 20 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Norris Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert’s 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. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office and FTN will begin finalizing the report for submittal in the next few weeks for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study. Mr. Karam also stated the flow meters have been delivered and are expected to have them installed by the week of May 29.

Mr. Karam reported the geotechnical engineer submitted their latest data report yesterday for the Lakeside project and it is in the process of being reviewed and working with Eustis to apply the new information to the latest design alternatives.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor is continuing to progress and plans to test the first two pumps early next week for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that once those pumps are operational they will remove the last two pumps and engines. Mr. Karam reported the project is still expected to be complete by the end of June.

Mr. Brocato reported that oil samples that were pulled from both the Franklin Canal and Bayou Teche structures have been returned and they were normal. Mr. Brocato stated that the maintenance closure for the Bayou Teche structure was performed with no events and the Bayou Chene structure is scheduled for a maintenance closure for May 22 – May 24. Mr. Brocato also reported a winch for the Franklin Canal structure needs to be replaced and he has been working with the Town of Berwick on rehabbing some of their flood gates.

Mr. Matte reported that the USACOE has ended their flood fight status. Mr. Matte also reported Daniel Lipari has resigned from the board.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Terry moved to adopt the 2023 millage resolution at 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by **ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT**:

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operations	5 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize SMLD to enter into a CEA with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff's Office for the transfer of the Dodge truck with the contingency of the attorneys' agreement. After Mr. Crappell's second, it carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Kenneth Arceneaux Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
St. Mary Levee District