

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2019
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

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

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported the contractor is close to being complete on the Bayou Choupique project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractor has some miscellaneous concrete work left to be done.

Mr. Tim Matte reported that he will be meeting with CPRA to discuss the Levees West of Charenton on their State Master Plan.

Mr. Miller reported that the earthwork on the Yokely Levee has been completed and the contractor has only a few punch items left to complete.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the Drainage District has authorized the contractor to drive test piles for the new pump station.

Mark Roberts with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Roberts stated that final design is complete for Phases 1-3. Mr. Roberts stated Phase 1A is still set to be completed November 24 and Phase 1B will proceed shortly after Phase 1A is completed. Mr. Roberts also reported his office has submitted the “issued to bid” contract documents to CPRA and SMLD for Phase 2 and 3 (Floodwall and 400’ Gate). Mr. Roberts reported his office continues to work with the attorneys on the ROW acquisitions for all of the affected landowners.

Mr. Roberts reported all permitting is in place for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Roberts stated that bids were received and a recommendation of award has been sent to SMLD. Mr. Roberts reported the low bidder was Sealevel Construction with the amount of \$11 million.

Mr. Matte reported that the USACOE annual inspection were completed Nov 6 & 7. Mr. Matte stated the USACOE decided to do the “routine” inspection only on the Wax Lake East levee system and other levee segments a site visit was done. Mr. Matte stated that overall the system graded out well. Mr. Matte reported there are some significant issues including a levee slide on the West Atchafalaya Basin Levee and some minor issues with downed trees, which the Parish is working with SMLD to rectify. Mr. Matte also reported for future maintenance the USACOE has provided SMLD with a quantity of limestone to utilize atop our federal levees.

Mr. Matte introduced the proposed amended 2019 budget and the proposed budget for 2020.

Mr. Matte reported that City of Morgan City is researching a piece of equipment to help with the grass cutting on the Morgan City levees.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the adaptation of the resolution to award the Bayou Teche Flood Control project contract to the lowest bidder, Sealevel Construction. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

**ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) has received bids on Tuesday, November 12, 2019 at 10:30 a.m. on the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project under the Statewide Flood Control Program; and,

WHEREAS, APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC’s consulting engineers have recommended that award of contract be made to the lowest qualified bidder;
Sealevel Construction, Inc.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Mary Levy District in this Regular Session assembled on this 14th day of November 2019, acting pursuant to the recommendation of APTIM Environmental & Infrastructure, LLC that the Base Bid and Alternate One in the amount of \$11,448,647.00 by Sealevel Construction, Inc. be accepted and a contract be awarded to it.

WHEREUPON, the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wilson Terry, J.P. Hebert, William Hidalgo, James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Kenneth Arceneaux, Luther Smith and Barry Broussard

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Alton Broussard

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Levee District convened on the 14th day of November 2019.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize the adoption of the resolution that the Louisiana bidding procedures were met. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

**ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, the St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) has solicited bids for State Project No. H.013488 in accordance with the current bid laws of the State of Louisiana, including but not limited to *La. R.S. 38:2211 et seq.*; and

WHEREAS, the SMLD has submitted to DOTD Certification of proof of publication, on (1) copy of the bid proposal and bid bonds as submitted by each of the three (3) lowest bidders, a legible copy of the bid tabulation of all bids received, and certified to be correct by the Engineer and an authorized official of the Sponsor, a copy of the engineer’s recommendation date in the Clerk of Court’s Office.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Commissioners of the St. Mary Levy District in this Regular Session assembled on this 14th day of November 2019, does hereby certify compliance with the bidding procedures of *Louisiana Revised Statutes 38:2211, et seq.*

WHEREUPON, the motion was put to a vote and the vote thereon was as follows:

YEAS: Wilson Terry, J.P. Hebert, William Hidalgo, James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Kenneth Arceneaux, Luther Smith and Barry Broussard

NAYS: None

ABSENT AND NOT VOTING: Alton Broussard

ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the St. Mary Levee District convened on the 14th day of November 2019.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize GeoEngineers to perform a desktop feasibility study for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte announced that a sexual harassment training session would be on Dec 20 at the Morgan City Auditorium with a session at 9 am and another at 1:30 p.m. or at SMLD office an hour before our meeting.

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