

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 12, 2017
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

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

Mr. Hebert moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the September 14th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that he attended a meeting with OCM regarding some questions on hydraulic modification alternative analysis for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project and that his office is close to receiving the permit. Once the permit is received his office will begin the land acquisition process.

Mr. Miller reported that his office has not received the permit for the Yokely Levee Project but stated his office will continue moving forward on finalizing the plans.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the work for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project has 5 more work days left of hauling and all the materials will be on the levees. Mr. O’Gorman reported majority of the work on the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project has been completed around Pump Station #6. Mr. O’Gorman stated the construction company has been installing sheet pile from US 90 to Justa Street. Mr. O’Gorman also reported that he held a preconstruction meeting and that a notice to proceed was issued on October 9 for the LA 70 portion of the project with a substantial completion date of July 5, 2018.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported her office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Ms. Cutforth stated her office continues to coordinate with CPRA to review the model runs on the Increase Atchafalaya project. Ms. Cutforth stated that a letter has been drafted by her office with questions regarding the Increase Atchafalaya Model.

Ms. Cutforth reported that her office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is proceeding. Plat maps are being prepared. Ms. Cutforth also reported that her office will meet with CLECO and the landowner about the property north of Victory Island to discuss some changes due to the geotechnical report.

Mr. Bourgeois reported his office continues to research titles for the tracts that are being considered for cattle grazing.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has secured the right of ways from Cabot and JM Burguieres for the North Bend Phase B project. Mr. Matte also reported SMLD is waiting for the agreement to be signed by CLECO and DOTD.

Mr. Matte reported the next annual levee inspections for 2017 has been set for Nov 8 and 9. Mr. Matte stated that we will be participating in the Pump Station Inspections to be conducted Oct 17 along with the staff of the Drainage Districts.

Mr. Matte reported the last reimbursement payment from EDA is expected shortly, this will close out the grant with EDA.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD along with APTIM met with the USACOE to discuss the remaining issues regarding the 408 permission process.

Mr. Matte reported he and Mike met with a business group in Pierre Part regarding the importance of Bayou Chene project. He also reported that the Iberia Parish millage election for the Iberia Parish Levee District is to be held on November 18, 2017. It is expected that the tax would generate about \$2.9 million in annual revenue for the District, if the issue passes.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize SMLD to submit Capital Outlay applications for the Bayou Teche and Bayou Chene projects as well as the West St. Mary (Levees west of the Charenton canal), Justa Street project and the Yokely Levee Extension. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District