

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 8, 2015  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Patrick Landry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Mac Wade, Port of Morgan City and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Sept 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office was still working on the right-of-ways on the properties along the Bayou Choupique levees.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported the construction end date for the Franklin Canal Pump Station is October 19 with a substantial completion date of October 12. Mr. Pena stated a ribbon cutting ceremony will be held October 22.

Mr. Miller reported the levees along Hanson Canal were topped with limestone. Mr. Miller stated the sluice gate was installed at the Yellow Bayou project and the contractors are currently driving sheet piles. Mr. Miller reported the contractors expected completion date is middle of December.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office is currently waiting for legal review of the right of ways along the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project before having the landowners sign the documents. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office was authorized to move forward with Final Design for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion which are due in December. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office is 30% complete with the design for the LA 70 portion and are awaiting comments from the Joint Permit Application to DNR and USACOE that was submitted.

Mr. Pena reported the DNR permit for the Bayou Chene project has been received. Mr. Pena stated the next permit needed is from the USACOE which his office is currently working on.

Mr. Matte reported the next step for the Bayou Chene Flood Control project would be preliminary design. Mr. Hebert motioned for Mr. Hidalgo to sign Task Order No. 9 with CB&I for preliminary design. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motioned carried unanimously.

Mr. Pena reported his office submitted the permit application for the Bayou Teche project last month and the questions for DNR have been addressed. Mr. Pena stated that the period for comments for the project was closed on Oct 3. Mr. Pena reported his office is nearing completion on additional comments from DNR which required additional modeling. Mr. Pena showed a presentation of the data for the project.

Mr. Matte reported on October 1 contractors began work on the levee slides that were found during inspections. Mr. Matte also reported SMLD started gathering data for the Master Plan. Mr. Matte reported also that the annual levee inspections will be held October 21 & 22.

Mr. Rayward Fremin the Executive Director with the Iberia Parish Levee District introduced himself and reported on the ongoing projects in his Parish.

Mr. Brocato presented a slideshow of the ongoing projects for the levee district.

Mr. Matte reported the Port of Morgan City has offered SMLD office space in the new Emergency Operation Center. Mr. Broussard motioned for Mr. Hidalgo to sign a contract for the office space mentioned above. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motioned carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that Avoca communicated via a letter to SMLD that it continues to have issues with the Bayou Chene Flood Control Project. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to draft and issue a written response to Avoca, stating that SMLD disagrees with its experts, that SMLD sees no reason to place the permitted project on hold. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motioned carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported there are three projects that he would like to include in the capital outlay request, which is due Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to submit the list of projects to CPRA. Following Mr. Smith's 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. Vidos and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District