

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 10, 2015
MORGAN CITY, 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 and with Barry Broussard and Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Patrick Landry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the August 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo 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 there were issues reported on the land ownership on some of the properties along the Bayou Choupique levees.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported Pump 1 has been installed and is nearly complete and Pump 2 engine is in place but the pump itself it having some issues with lining up for the Franklin Canal Pump Station project. Mr. Pena stated that the manufacturers picked up the pump to correct the problem. Mr. Pena also reported his office is organizing a ribbon cutting for some time is October.

Mr. Miller reported the levees along Hanson Canal were topped with limestone. Mr. Miller stated the contractors are moving forward with the brace walls and driving the batter piles at the Yellow Bayou project.

Mr. Matte reported for Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith. Mr. Matte reported T. Baker Smith will resubmit a Bid Set of Plans and specs to the Parish’s grant administrator next week for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project and the landowners signed letter of intent to donate right of ways. Mr. Matte also reported TBS’s office was authorized to move forward with Final Design for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. Matte stated TBS 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 a draft of 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. Pena reported his office is currently reviewing comments and questions from the meeting that was held at the Chitimacha School in reference to the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated that the period for comments for the project has been extended until Oct 3. Mr. Pena reported his office has scheduled a follow up meeting at the Chitimacha School Gym for Sept 24. Mr. Pena also reported an amendment is needed to the Task Order for additional services in the amount of \$33,632.70.

Mr. Hebert authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign above mentioned amendment. Followed by Mr. Crappell’s second, the motioned passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD has been discussing with the USACOE to recognize the full authority of the SMLD and on the recent Low Water Inspection trip SMLD had the opportunity to discuss this ongoing issue with Col. Hansen and Mark Wingate. Mr. Matte stated they conveyed to SMLD that the recently passed legislation has satisfied their requirements to recognize the SMLD as the non-federal sponsor on all of the federal levees in St. Mary Parish.

Mr. Matte reported that bids have been received on the levee slides that were found during inspections and a contract should be issued shortly. Mr. Matte also reported that quarterly levee inspections have been completed and the USACOE has set Oct 20 & 21 as the dates for the annual inspections.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District