

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 13, 2018  
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: J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Kenny Arceneaux, Alton Broussard, James Vidos, Barry Broussard, and Luther Smith.

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

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 8 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Tim Matte reported the Bayou Choupique project continues to move forward and the ROW process is now completed. Mr. Matte reported that he held a conference call with CDBG regarding the land acquisitions that have been completed. Mr. Matte stated that when they are all approved this project can go out to bid with a possible ground-breaking for construction of March 1.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineering reported that the contractors are making progress with the Yokely Levee project, the contractors have used 26 working days.

Mr. Matte reported that a meeting will be held for the upcoming construction of the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Matte stated that CPRA may have funding for this small project.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that his office is still waiting on the final balancing change order for the LA 70 portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman stated that his office is currently waiting on the final inspection for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman reported the contractors have installed the 200 foot of drainage pipe on the Justa Street project. Mr. O’Gorman stated weather permitting this portion of the project will be completed within a couple of weeks.

Mr. Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena stated the task order for the 50% design effort has been drafted and is still being reviewed by SMLD and CPRA. Mr. Pena gave a presentation on the phases, funding, and schedule of the Bayou Chene project.

Mr. Pena reported that the ROW coordination is still ongoing and the landowner is reviewing the ROW request on the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena also reported 50% design has been submitted and the comments from SMLD and DOTD are being addressed and incorporated into the 95% design phase scheduled to be completed in January. Mr. Pena also reported the USACOE comments included a request for an archeological survey; that report will be completed tomorrow. Mr. Pena stated that CLECO is requiring a permit but it is not needed until the project is nearing completion.

Mr. Matte reported on a meeting that was held regarding GOMESA funding. Mr. Matte stated that the coastal parishes would be receiving annual allocations which are intended for restoration projects or protection projects.

Mr. Matte reported on the levee maintenance project on Front Street in Morgan City near Levee Road has begun to stabilize the bank that has failed. Mr. Matte reported that the rock

placement has begun and the contractor has made progress on the shoreline protection along the GIWW near Cotten Road.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has received a total reimbursement of \$5,092,521 which leaves approximately \$179,000 to be collected from the flood fight of 2016.

Mr. Matte reported CPRA has initiated the planning for the 2023 State Master Plan and I was asked to participate. Mr. Matte stated that CPRA is now soliciting new projects for consideration for the State Master Plan.

Mr. Matte reported USACE will begin a project to place a 30' deep layer of rock along the bank south of Berwick near the Jesse Fontenot boat landing to provide stabilization to allow for future levee rising.

Mr. Matte reported that the bond sale closed and funds were transferred on Dec 6.

Mr. Bourgeois reported he continues to work on the Bayou Chene CEA with the surrounding parishes to split operation and maintenance expenses with SMLD.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Crappell motioned to adopt the district's amended budget for FY 2018, which was followed by Mr. Arceneaux's second, it carried unanimously. Mr. Hebert motioned to adopt the FY 2019 budget, which was followed by Mr. Terry's second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to adopt the 2019 meeting schedule, which was followed by Mr. Terry's second, it carried unanimously

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to hire a contractor to clean the drainage ditch alongside of WABLP in the amount of \$25,000. Following Mr. Arceneaux's second the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a notice of proceed on a Time and Material contract with APTIM on the Bayou Chene project with the contract not to exceed \$5 million. After a second by Mr. Broussard, 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. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District