

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 2014  
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, Will Terry, Barry Broussard, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell and Luther Smith.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Tommy McGinnis, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robby Robinson; Mark Rogers and Jason Kennedy, T. Baker Smith; Joe Harrison, Louisiana Representative; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Hebert moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 12 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 19 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Mancuso’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Harrison stated that legislators are working to get funding for the Bayou Chene Flood Control Project

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the title search for the purpose of detailing the property ownership of the surrounding areas of the proposed Bayou Choupique levees has been completed by the Town of Baldwin’s attorney.

Mr. Miller reported the property along the Yokeley Levee project is in the process of being sold to another company. Mr. Miller plans on holding meetings with the new owners and to find out the future plans of the property. Mr. Miller stated he should have an update at next month’s meeting.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project will be submitted once it is complete.

Mr. Pena reported the tentative schedule of the Franklin Canal Pump Station should have the bid packages sent out by Jan 10 and advertisement should begin about Feb 11 and pre-bid meeting to be about Mar 5.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers have pushed back the dates of the preliminary results due to delays with mesh and elevation data. The results should be produced prior to the Jan meeting and reports should be submitted by the end of February.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported the permit was received for Hanson Canal and the permit for Yellow Bayou should be received within 3-4 weeks.

Mr. Miller reported the areas of deficient mainline levees that were pointed out by Mr. Brocato were looked at and a permit drawing should be finished within a week. Mr. Miller stated that a pre application meeting will be held with the USACOE.

T. Baker Smith’s Jason Kennedy reported on the status of the work that has been done on the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP). Mr. Kennedy stated the geotechnical and survey work has been completed and preliminary results report should be ready for review in the next two weeks.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and goetech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. Mr. Pena stated that responses to comments were submitted for the permit and a meeting with USACOE was held to discuss those responses. Also stated by Mr. Pena was additional model runs will be made based on the meeting discussion and comments by USFW (U.S. Fisheries and Wildlife). Mr. Pena delivered a presentation showing an overview of the project modeling thus far. Mr. Pena reported that there is an amendment to Task Order 5 for modeling to extend permitting work right of way negotiations with pipeline companies and landowners. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment #4. Following Mr. Broussard's second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte stated the LSER final report date hasn't been changed; the date is still January 30.

Mr. Matte reported Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District has requested to add them to the CPRA agenda meeting that will be held Jan 15 to request CPRA to approve their participation in the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte reported he will attend the CPRA meeting in Thibodaux which will review the 2015 Master Plan.

Mr. Matte stated he was able to meet with Zack Monroe with Senator Mary Landrieu office. In that meeting one of the items discussed was to consider including St. Mary Parish in the LAMP process, which is the FEMA review of getting credit for non-credited levees. Also Mr. Matte stated he met with the Morgan City Housing Authority to discuss a protection plan for their property.

Mr. Bourgeois reported a meeting with the legal department of the USCOE has been tentatively set for later in the month to discuss all of the various legal requirements within the PPA. Mr. Bourgeois stated that the levee district would like to remove some of the items that are not relevant to the agency.

Mr. Matte suggested the levee district hold a public meeting to discuss the rules and regulations before adopting them. Mr. Hebert motioned to hold said meeting on the date of the regular meeting date an hour before which will be held Feb 13 at the Patterson City Hall at 5:00 p.m. Following Mr. Smith's second, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District