

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 10, 2013  
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, Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Raleigh Boudreaux, Andrew Mancuso, and Luther Smith with J.P. Hebert and Barry Broussard absent.

Also present: Hilary Thibodeaux, SMLD’s Executive Director; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena , Nicole Cutforth and Oneil Malrough, Shaw Group; Jason Kennedy and Jason Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Robbie Robinson; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to amend agenda to add approval of Dec 13 budget meeting minutes and the approval to sign the new rental lease with the Port of Morgan City. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Boudreaux, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 13 budget meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. And, there were none.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported the status of the designing of permanent structures for the Hansen Canal and Yellow Bayou. He stated the designs are still being processed and they are due to be complete the end of February. He also stated that were a few wildlife issues.

Shaw Group’s Jeff Pena reported his office is awaiting a decision regarding structure opening width on the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Structure Project. Mr. Pena also gave an update on the ground breaking ceremony for the Franklin Canal Project; the ceremony is tentatively scheduled for Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Thibodeaux reported there was a Letters of No Objection (LNO) for consideration and approval by the District. ANR Pipeline is requesting approval to repair three exposed of a natural gas pipeline and to repair failed bulkhead structures in the Wax Lake Canal. Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the LNO, and Mr. Crappell seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Thibodeaux reported after the fact permitting for the existing sheetpile flood structures on Franklin Canal, Hansen Canal, and Yellow Bayou is still outstanding with COE. Mr. Thibodeaux also reported that post approval information was received by EDA and is currently being reviewed.

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

Mr. Bourgeois reported that he reviewed the engagement letter from Darnell & Sikes and recommended that it be authorized for Mr. Hidalgo’s signature. Mr. Mancuso’s moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign said letter, which was followed by Mr. Smith’s second, it carried unanimously. Mr. Bourgeois stated that he has received Mr. Thibodeaux’s letter of resignation which is effective February 27<sup>th</sup> and would be working with him closely on the current issues.

Mr. Hidalgo stated that he would have meetings the board to review resumes for the executive director’s position. Also stated by Mr. Hidalgo was the St. Mary Levee District would be moving office location within the same building and would need to sign an amended lease agreement with the Port of Morgan City. Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the new lease agreement. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso reported that he would attend the Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2's meeting which is Monday the 14<sup>th</sup> to discuss if any help is needed from the Levee District with back levees in Morgan City.

After Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any, Mr. Terry moved for adjournment. Following Mr. Crappell's second, it carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District