

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 11, 2013
BERWICK, 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, Andrew Mancuso, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Will Terry, and with Raleigh Boudreaux and Luther Smith, absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Mayor Ratcliff, Town of Berwick; Blaine Crochet, Darnall, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 14 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Blaine Crochet presented the audit for the year 2012. Mr. Crochet stated that the District’s financial statements received an “unqualified” opinion indicating that the financials present fairly the financial position of the District. The only finding reported had to do with a lack of segregation of duties, which is common for small organizations.

Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. There were none.

Mr. Matte reported he was able to meet with Mayor Breaux on Bayou Choupique Flood Protection Project and is in the process of negotiating an intergovernmental agreement.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported a meeting is scheduled with the landowners along the Yokeley Levee project.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported the completion schedule on the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project is August 15. Mr. Pena stated the barge is 75% complete its currently being sandblasted and painted. Also reported was the status of the Franklin Canal Pump Station, 95% of designs were submitted to CPRA early in June. CPRA will schedule a review meeting next week.

Mr. Pena reported a kick off meeting with modelers was held on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and surveying data will begin to be collected in late July early August for input. Mr. Pena stated once the existing data is inputted by the modelers they will produce two maps to show if any adverse effects occur downstream.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported the final drawings for Hanson Canal will be ready in a few weeks. Also reported by Mr. Miller the permitting for Yellow Bayou still has engineering comments to address with the USCOE.

Mr. Matte reported the inspection has been done and awaiting the report. Mr. Matte also reported on the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Projects and is the process of engaging professionals.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and Geotech is nearing completion on the Bayou Chene project. Modeling has commenced, a kickoff meeting was held July 2. The permit application has been submitted to the USCOE.

Mr. Matte stated the board is waiting on the LSER final report from the USCOE on the Wax Lake West levees. Mr. Matte said after presenting the data gathered by T. Baker Smith, the required elevations needed to certify the Levees of Wax Lake East were reduced. Also stated by

Mr. Matte the USCOE reported some deficiencies which are minimal and once addressed will satisfy the elevation requirements.

Mr. Terry motioned to expand the agenda after Mr. Bourgeois stated the District's staff would like to add Mr. Matte as an authorized agent for reimbursement request purposes for the LA PA.com site for FEMA disaster reimbursements. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hebert motioned to grant Mr. Matte this authority which was seconded by Mr. Broussard. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pena discussed an amendment was needed on Task Order #5 for modeling and permit purposes on the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Hebert motioned for Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment #3 on Task Order#5. After seconded by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to purchase a portable GPS/elevation unit which would have the capability to give an instantaneous elevation reading and integrate with Google Earth and would allow the district to take photos while doing inspections and record the location. After seconded by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte stated the City of Morgan City is in need of and requesting materials from the district's surplus list to rebuild the water intake station on Front Street that has been damaged. Mr. Hebert motioned to allow the request, which was seconded by Mr. Mancuso and carried unanimously.

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