

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2016
PATTERSON, 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, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, and Luther Smith, with Barry Broussard absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Mayor Harris, City of Franklin, Patrick Landry & Stan Aucoin, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Jason St. Romain, Miller Engineers; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 9 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 23 special 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. Terry’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Jason St. Romain with Miller Engineers reported that the sheet pile for the South Willow Street Project is being installed by the contractor. Mr. St. Romain also reported the advertisement for the Avoca Road project will continue through August 3.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the construction for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is still ongoing. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office is nearly complete with the 95% plans of the Final Design and will have a meeting before submitting to CPRA for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion. Mr. O’Gorman stated the USACOE informed his office they are nearly complete with the permit review for the LA 70 portion.

Nicole Cutforth with CB&I reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated the USACOE initiated the Section 408 permitting process and is currently waiting on engineering division to finalize their parts of the process and once that is complete they will be submitting it up to division for approval.

Ms. Cutforth reported the purchase of mitigation credits with Kilgore for the Bayou Teche project is completed.

Mr. Matte reported he attended a meeting with CPRA on the Restore Act Funding. Mr. Matte stated that Mr. Chip Kline announced a commitment of \$40 million for funding and also discussed the price of the project.

Ms. Cutforth reported the contract for the removal of the Bayou Chene Emergency Closure Structure was awarded on June 23. Ms. Cutforth stated the barge was removed and moved to Allison Marine July 12 and will need to be cleaned both inside and outside. Ms. Cutforth also reported that a preliminary “off charter” survey has begun and the removal of sheet pile and pipe pile is ongoing.

Mr. Matte reported St. Mary Parish will pursue adopting the existing maps as the LSER related information that would change the Berwick map would delay the adopting of those maps.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD has received a reimbursement from EDA and future reimbursements request will be submitted as we move to preliminary design on the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte also reported July 11 & 12 a field visit was held with Colonel Clancy who was able to review the project status on the Bayou Chene project and to discuss the permitting issues.

Mr. Matte reported Avoca, LLC has formed Avoca Island Mitigation Phase One, LLC and appears propose to have a mitigation bank extend across the Avoca Road which could impact our proposed Bayou Chene project and future flood fighting efforts. Mr. Matte stated St. Mary Parish has objected, via a letter, to the extent that Avoca's project will encroach upon the road, which has been maintained by the parish over 99 years and SMLD would need access to the road in order to travel to the Bayou Chene structure and to raise it as part of the flood projection project. Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign an appropriate letter in support the parish and in objection to any encroachment by the proposed mitigation bank. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment No. 12 to Task Order 5 of CB&I's contract for ongoing permitting activities and ongoing modeling support for the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment No. 3 to Task Order 1 of CB&I's contract for ongoing administrative services. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Change Order 1 for the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure removal to reduce the contract price due to leaving a 400 ft. opening instead of the 250 ft. opening as initially planned. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a resolution approving the assignment of a lease contract with Amelia Dockside Facilities, LLC to Aucoin Land Co., LLC. After a second by Mr. Smith, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to hold an executive session to discuss the pending litigation filed by Avoca Inc. After a second by Mr. Crappell and after a roll call vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos motioned to reconvene the regular meeting with a second by Mr. Hebert which carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to hold an Open Meeting Summit with all parishes affected by the Bayou Chene Flood Control project. After a second by Mr. Smith, 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. Vidos and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District