

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 14, 2022
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Norris Crappell, Luther Smith and with J.P. Hebert and Mike Ortiz absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 9 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Ms. Alyssa Cart with Darnell, Sikes, & Frederick presented the audit report for the year 2021. Ms. Cart stated an unmodified opinion was issued which is the best possible that can be given. Mr. Terry moved to accept the 2021 audit, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported a meeting was held with the landowners and interested parties for the levees west of Charenton Canal south of Hwy 90. At this meeting, discussions were held regarding points of interest for the new study to focus upon.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that contractors are 83% complete on the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that the floodwall will be delivered tomorrow in two shipments. Mr. Miller also reported the levees are at design grade.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is evaluating potential design alternatives along the proposed project alignment based on the latest geotechnical analysis for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Karam stated that his office met with SMLD and FEMA to review design concepts and they also met with lakefront landowners.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is 95% complete with the installation of the permanent sheet pile and is currently working on cofferdam installation in the sump for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractors have started structural excavation on the project and they plan to start forming the concrete structure in 2-3 weeks.

Mr. Matte reported that APTIM is still waiting for lower water conditions to complete the upper sockets on Phase 3 (Floodgate). Mr. Matte also reported installation of the conduit and electrical boxes for wiring the North Floodwall and Barge has been completed and wiring is nearly completed on the Barge and is currently being installed between the Barge and the Floodwall for Phase 5 (Electrical) of the project.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 2 for Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 14 for Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the CEA to assist the Town of Berwick with sheet piling to reinforce the Pattie Drive ditch. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 for Phase 4B of the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the purchase of two satellite phones. After a second by Mr. Lipari 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. Crappell carried unanimously.

Attest:

Kenneth Arceneaux Jr., Secretary/Treasurer
St. Mary Levee District