

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 10, 2022  
FRANKLIN, LA

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

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

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 10 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Ortiz’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.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that contractors are ahead of schedule on the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated the embankment for the project is nearing completion. Mr. Miller also reported the excavation work has started where the wall will be installed.

Mr. Robert Karam of T. Baker Smith reported his office has reviewed the latest geotechnical analysis boring information for the Lakeside Flood Protection project which shows extremely poor conditions along the proposed breakwater alignment. Mr. Karam also reported T. Baker Smith continues to re-evaluate potential design alternatives along this alignment and continue to refine typical cross-sections for that project.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is still awaiting delivery on the concrete piles for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam reported the contractors will return to the jobsite March 21.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported a few items remain to be completed on the punch list for Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth reported the redesign of the upper locking pins and sockets on Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project is being discussed with the contractor for approval. Ms. Cutforth reported 60% of the levee for the Phase 4B portion of the project is complete and rip rap will be installed around the I wall.

Mr. Matte reported the Mississippi River has reached the 11’ threshold at New Orleans; therefore restrictions are now in force for permitted activities along the River. The Atchafalaya River remains below 5’; which is an action point for that river system. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD will be watchful on the situation.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 2 designation as substantially complete. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the award of the contract to Southern Constructors for levee rehab along Wax Lake East Levee near newly installed scour protection and to authorize payment of \$20k to the Parish for our participation of the bridge repair. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize approval of a Change Order 1 on the Yokely Levee Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign the IGA for the West St. Mary Hydrologic Study Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the award of Bayou Chene Phase 5 project to the lowest responsible bidder for supplying electrical service to the project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz moved to authorize Mr. Bourgeois' office to appropriate the land near the Charenton Floodgate Project. After a second by Mr. Terry 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

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