

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 10, 2018
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: William Hidalgo, J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, James Vidos, Will Terry, Luther Smith, Alton Broussard, Barry Broussard, and Kenny Arceneaux.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the April 12th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. A. Broussard second, the motion carried unanimously.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that his office received authorization to advertise the Bayou Choupique project for construction once land acquisitions are complete.

Mr. Miller reported his office has addressed and returned the comments on the Yokely Levee project. Mr. Miller stated that his office is waiting for authorization to put the project out for bid within the next week or two.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office is working on a balancing change order to the closeout of the Siracusa section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office has received the substantial completion request for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman stated the contractors are working on the east half of the road on the LA 70 portion of the project with most of the embankment completed. Mr. O’Gorman stated that Fig Street will be closed during construction once contractors begin on the west side. Mr. O’Gorman reported that the installation of sheet pile is ongoing for the Justa Street project.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported her office has received the 408 permission from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Ms. Cutforth stated that her office has received the letter from DNR on the extension of the permit until September 2019. Ms. Cutforth stated Earthsearch has completed their field visit and a report will be completed within the next two weeks.

Ms. Cutforth reported their office is working on the ROW coordination for the Bayou Teche project. Ms. Cutforth stated that the permit will expire at the end of the summer but their office is working on getting that extended. Ms. Cutforth also reported that the Statewide Flood Control application was approved and currently waiting on House Bill 2 for the funding schedule.

Mr. Matte reported that bids have been accepted for the North Bend Phase B project and the contract was awarded. Mr. Matte stated a preconstruction meeting was held the past Wednesday.

Mr. Matte reported that we participated in a conference call along with Parish officials regarding the non-structural projects included within the State’s Master Plan. Mr. Matte stated he will update the board on any future developments in the area.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has received total reimbursement of \$4,771,594.09 from GOHSEP and \$282,000 left to be collected from flood fight of 2016.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Terry moved to adopt the 2018 millage resolution of 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Terry and seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT.

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operation 5 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Wilson Terry, J.P. Hebert, William Hidalgo, James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Alton Broussard, Luther Smith, Kenneth Arceneaux and Barry Broussard

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May, 10, 2018, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Mr. Brocato reported on the South Central and Master Plan for the Levees West of Charenton Canal. Mr. Brocato also reported that after much research that a possible proposal could be beneficial in the area for flood protection.

Mr. Bourgeois reported on placing penalties for criminal trespassing and damaging of the levees. Mr. Bourgeois read aloud the fines schedule for violation of improper levee access rules. Mr. Broussard motioned to adopt said fines, after a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. O’Gorman reported on the data collected on Avoca Island during this recent flood event to document water levels without the Bayou Chene structure installed.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District