

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

May 14, 2020
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met via phone conference on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Alton Broussard, Will Terry, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard and with James Vidos absent.

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

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the April 9 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

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

In regards to the Yokely Levee Extension project, Reid Miller reported based on preliminary design from Cleco, a levee with a reduced footprint and sheet pile will fit along with the Cleco structures within the 100’ ROW on Vappaille & Kidd property along the north side of US Hwy 90. This revised design will result in an increase in the estimated construction cost of \$500,000.

Project reports were submitted in writing by the engineers involved the various projects.

Mr. Matte reported the majority of the gaps on the North Bend Project have been closed.

Mr. Matte reported the City of Morgan City has received notice of an award of a grant for the establishment of walking/biking trails atop some of the levees. One was received for hard surfacing the levee from Justa St. to Pump Station 6. Mr. Matte stated the grant was awarded in St. Mary Levee District’s name. Mr. Matte reported the City is preparing the documentation needed to facilitate this grant and this hard surface would help us with maintenance and provide scour protection in the event of overtopping.

Mr. Matte reported many of the Watershed Initiative and State Master Plan meetings have been put on hold until after the stay at home order expires.

Mr. Matte also reported the USACOE has entered flood fight status and has implemented regular levee inspections and conference calls; the Mississippi River at the Carrolton gauge is reading 14.98’ and has crested. Mr. Matte stated the Atchafalaya crested at 8’ and is now in a slow fall.

Mr. Hebert moved to approve to amend the IGA for CCHHRP project to provide for SMLD to be designated as lead agency and authorize payment to the engineer. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign Change Order #2 on the Bayou Chene project Phase 1B. Following Mr. A. Broussard second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign Change Order #1 on the Bayou Chene project Phase 2. Following Mr. Arceneaux second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that bids were received on the Bayou Chene Phase III project on May 6 and only one bid was received. Mr. Matte stated that a special meeting should be held to award the contract after talks with the contractor after negotiating pricing and timing of the bid.

Mr. Terry moved to award APTIM the project administration and inspection services task order for Phase II and Phase II of the Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard 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. B. Broussard carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District