

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

May 16, 2024  
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: Will Terry, J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux and with Andrew Mancuso absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Bill Bourgeois; and members of the public.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Apr 18 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. Mancuso’s second, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported that T. Baker Smith has submitted the Phase 1 report to SMLD on the West of Charenton Drainage Study for review and comments and their office is working to schedule a meeting to discuss the report and the scope of work for Phase 2.

Mr. Matte also reported the T. Baker Smith and SMLD are working to meet with the remaining homeowners along Lake Palourde to review the two project alignments. Mr. Matte stated once all of the homeowners’ input is received SMLD will make a decision on which project alignment will move forward to design.

Mr. Brocato reported divers are scheduled for inspection of the Franklin Canal barge next week. Mr. Brocato stated that the power has been out at Bayou Chene for the last four weeks and the ferry is still down.

Mr. Matte reported the Watershed Initiative Region 5 & 6 is transitioning to a more permanent structure with the passage of the Acadiana Watershed Council. Parish officials are becoming engaged in the initiative, a meeting is scheduled for May 22 to discuss future sustainability of the gauge network. Mr. Matte stated SMLD has receive bids on the closure of the outfall canal near Lake End Park and Cleveland Billiot was the lower bidder. Mr. Matte reported SMLD continues to wait for the approved permits. Mr. Matte also reported the USACE has implemented its flood fight operations as the Mississippi River is now over 11’ at the Carrollton Gauge. The current expectation for the Atchafalaya River to hit 5.5’ and hold a bit before falling.

Ms. Scully 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. Arceneaux moved to adopt the 2024 millage resolution at 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Crappell and a roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2024 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by **ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT**:

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operations	5 mills
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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 2024, 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.

Mr. Terry motioned to authorize adding Andrew Mancuso as a signer on SMLD bank accounts. With a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to engage Redstick Power for maintenance on the electrical system on Avoca Island. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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