

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 10, 2016
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: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard and with Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Mayor Grizzaffi, City of Morgan City and members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported he is still awaiting responses from the letters that were mailed to the landowners along the Bayou Choupique project.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported his office will submit permit drawings next week for the Yokely Levee Project.

Mr. Miller reported that the work on the South Willow Street Pump Project is ongoing. Mr. Miller stated that the contractors have the barge onsite to begin driving sheet pile.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the construction for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is still ongoing; the contractors have used 60% of their contract time. Mr. O’Gorman reported a mandatory pre bid meeting took place for the Lake End Park to Justa Street last week with a bid opening date of Nov 18. Mr. O’Gorman stated that before issuing the notice to precede his office is currently working with SLECA to relocate power lines before construction can begin. Mr. O’Gorman also reported his office is currently waiting for the finalized permit from the USACOE for the LA 70 portion.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office has recently submitted a plan and is currently working on the 60% design, life safety analysis, Environmental Assessment, and Cultural Resources analysis that USACOE is requiring for the Bayou Chene Project 408 permit process. Mr. Pena stated his office recently submitted the life safety information and it’s currently being review by the USACOE hydraulics team.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated Miller Engineers has started on the acquisition process for the project.

Mr. Pena reported Chet Morrison performed a final hydrographic survey that illustrated the final completion of the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure Removal project. Mr. Crappell moved to approve the substantial completion inspection by CB&I for Chet Morrison. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that all local municipalities have received the updated flood insurance maps and once the maps have been adopted, Mr. Matte stated Berwick will have to file a letter of map revision to incorporate the Wax Lake East Levees.

Mr. Matte reported to Mayor Grizzaffi that SMLD is willing to take the lead on determining the best way to provide flood protection to Lakeside Subdivision.

Mr. Matte reported that the annual inspection has taken place and all was good. Mr. Matte reported that contractors continue to work on the removal of the HESCO baskets and on the Avoca Road restoration.

Nicole Cutforth with CB&I reported on the update of the PWs and the reimbursement request. Ms. Cutforth stated that the first reimbursement should be received by mid-January.

Mr. Brocato gave a brief presentation of the areas that were addressed in preparation of the annual inspections.

Mr. Terry moved to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign a service agreement with St. Mary Parish Government to lease their HP Designjet Scanner/Printer. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte introduced the proposed 2017 budget that will be up for adoption at the December meeting.

Mr. Hebert moved for Miller Engineers to begin the initial steps of permitting for the proposed project for the extension of the Yokely Levee. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Matte to consult GHD Services to provide assistance with the 408 permitting process with the USACOE. After a second by Mr. Hebert, 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 and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District