

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 13, 2016  
FRANKLIN, 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; Jason St. Romain, 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 September 8, 2016 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 has received some responses from the letters that were mailed to the landowners along the Bayou Choupique project.

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

Mr. St. Romain reported the work on the South Willow Street Project is ongoing. Mr. Romain stated that the contractors would start driving sheet pile at the next week.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the construction for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is still ongoing; the contractors have used 45% of their contract time. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office will be advertising for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion by middle of next month with a bid opening date of Nov 18. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office purchased the mitigation for the LA 70 portion and should soon be receiving the permit from the USACOE.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported his office 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 reported the mitigation contract has been finalized and executed for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated the DNR permit has been received and the USACOE draft permit was mailed.

Mr. Pena reported Chet Morrison will be performing a final hydrographic survey next week to ensure the completion of the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure Removal project.

Mr. Brocato reported two barges of limestone were delivered for repairs to Avoca Road and HESCO baskets are in the process of being removed. Mr. Brocato stated that in anticipation of the levee inspections, he, with the help from the Parish, City of Morgan City and Town of Berwick, have been clearing right of ways, fixing roads, spraying grass, and painting floodgates.

Mr. Matte reported the annual levee inspections have been scheduled by the USACOE for November 9 and 10. Mr. Matte also reported that on Oct 17 Mr. Brocato will be hosting a team from the USACOE for an inspection of the pump stations that are part of the Federal Levee System. Mr. Matte stated SMLD is coordinating this inspection with Drainage District No. 1 and the Wax Lake East Drainage District. Mr. Matte reported the update to the Master Plan has been completed and is available for adoption.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign CB&I's Amendment No. 14 to Task Order 5 to continue the permitting process with modeling support. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign CB&I's Task Order 9 for preliminary design on Bayou Chene. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign a Letter of No Objection for Conrad Shipyard for Foreign Trade Zone on their inventory purchased for a project. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reminded the Board of the CEA which SMLD entered into with Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 2 on May 2013 for the purpose of having SMLD use its resources and staff to manage, direct and oversee the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD has recently been approached by Lee Dragna about changing the relationship with DD#2. Mr. Bourgeois reported on the three options DD#2's attorney proposed to SMLD. Mr. Bourgeois conveyed that Mr. Hidalgo would be recommending that SMLD take option number 2, terminate the existing CEA, draft a new CEA naming DD#2 the sole owner of the project with SMLD assisting when asked, and SMLD will take over the project once it's completed and has been certified. Mr. Arceneaux moved to proceed with option number 2 and to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the new CEA once it has been drafted. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Brocato to rent an Inspection Crawler for the inspection of the culverts and discharge pipes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard move to authorize CB&I to submit Capital Outlay request on behalf of SMLD. After Mr. Crappell's second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to approve and adopt the resolution for the updated Master Plan. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the amended CEA with St. Mary Parish Drainage District No. 1 to perform routine maintenance inspection to the levee. 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District