

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 9, 2014  
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, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, Will Terry, Luther Smith, Kenny Arceneaux, and Barry Broussard.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney, Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; John Eblen, US Corp of Engineers; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the September 11 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Broussard, 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. John Eblen with the USACOE stated that the Tiger Island project was awarded to Circle Construction and a pre-construction meeting was held at the beginning of the week. Mr. Eblen also stated the project is to begin in six weeks and will likely finish at the beginning of the summer.

Mr. Miller, with Miller Engineers reported that the Town of Baldwin’s attorney has completed the title search detailing the property ownership surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees.

Mr. Miller reported that his office is currently updating cost estimates for the Yokeley Levee project so that any available funds can be utilized to help assist with Franklin Pump Station.

CB&I’s Nicole Cutforth reported the Franklin Canal Pump Station project has been awarded to Sea Level Construction and contract has been received at CRPA. Ms. Cutforth stated a pre-construction meeting is to be held in the next month. Ms. Cutforth also stated the contract was awarded with the base bid and Alternate 1 which is with 4 bays and two pumps.

Mr. Miller reported the construction company, Sea Level Construction, is on the construction site of Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou. Mr. Miller stated the contractor is currently doing some embankment work and some materials are on site.

Mr. Miller reported the permitting is still ongoing for the Wax Lake East Project. Mr. Miller stated the USCOE Operation Division had some concerns on a few items and the drawings would be revised and resubmitted. Mr. Miller’s office is currently is waiting for the letter of no objections for the USCOE.

Mr. Smith authorized Mr. Miller’s office to advertise for bid on the above mentioned project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Kevin O’Gorman of T. Baker Smith reported the permit for the segment including Auburn, Cooks & Collins and the Hellenic Lakefront came back from DNR with some comments and his office is addressing those comments. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office is currently working on the Right of Way documents with the Drainage District #2 and the Hellenic property owners to attain the right of ways and the borrow material that will be needed for the project. Mr. O’Gorman also reported the survey work will begin within the week on LA70 and the moving of the pump station.

Ms. Cutforth reported that the Bayou Chene project design is currently in the permitting process. Mr. Pena also reported Department of Natural Resources (DNR) will be sending out

revised letters to the landowners regarding mitigation plans of their properties and landowners will have 30 days to respond.

Mr. Matte reported that the effort to get a Cooperative Endeavor Agreements (CEA) with the USACOE is still ongoing. Mr. Matte reported that he did meet with Shona Gibson, a FEMA representative, regarding Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps (DFIRM) for “seclusion” of the City of Morgan City and the Wax Lake East Areas.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that he did talk with Marti Lucore concerning the PPA and she stated that a meeting is to be held tomorrow to discuss and will have an update at next month’s meeting. Mr. Bourgeois stated the Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with the St. Mary Parish Sheriff’s Office to facilitate extra patrols of the levee system has been prepared and recommends the board take action.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the above mentioned IGA, which was seconded by Mr. Cantrell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois reported the lease with the Port of Morgan City is up for renewal and recommends the board to expand the agenda to take action on this item.

Mr. Terry moved to expand the agenda to include the above mentioned item on the agenda as 11C. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign the renewal lease agreement with the Port of Morgan City, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois recommends that the board take action on signing an agreement with Central Auction (CAH), which is a company that provides electronic bidding services to facilitate the receipt of electronic bids in accordance with state law. Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign said agreement with CAH, which was seconded by Mr. Smith and carried unanimously.

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

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District