

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 12, 2019
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: J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, James Vidos, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith and with Will Terry and Alton Broussard absent.

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

Mr. B. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the August 8 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

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

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported the contractor is still 75% complete on the Bayou Choupique project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractor is nearly completed with the portion between Hwy 90 to LaBeau Street.

Mr. Tim Matte reported that a meeting was held on August 21 with the landowners and residents to discuss the Levees West of Charenton. Mr. Matte stated that one of the biggest concerns for the landowners and residents is the difficulties of getting water out of the area.

Mr. Miller reported that the 10 foot elevation on the Yokely Levee has been completed. Mr. Miller also reported that the contractor has 3-5 days of punch list items to complete.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that his office has received the pricing for the new Morgan City pump station from the contractor, based on the 60% design. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office and Drainage District No. 2 will be making a decision soon if his office should continue on with bidding the project out or whether there is a need for additional funding.

Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena stated that 50% design for Phase 2-4, which is the floodwall, 400’ gate, Avoca Road, and Tabor Canal, was submitted in May and the CPRA comments have been incorporated into the final design which is scheduled to be completed and submitted in November and to begin the bidding process December 2019 or January 2020. Mr. Pena stated Phase 1A, clearing and grubbing, was issued a notice proceed August 26 with a possible end date of November 24. Mr. Pena also stated that Phase 1B, dredging, bids were opened today and the lowest bidder was Patriot Construction. Mr. Pena reported that Patriot Construction will be awarded a notice to proceed shortly. Mr. Pena reported his office continues to work with the attorneys on the ROW acquisitions for all of the affected landowners.

Mr. Pena reported the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure’s removal was awarded to Sealevel for \$1.2 million. Mr. Pena stated the contractor was issued the notice to proceed August 20 and removal is to be completed by September 19.

Mr. Pena reported all permitting is in place for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated that the ROW coordination is with all the affected landowners has been completed. Mr. Pena also reported that his office has submitted an engineer’s certification to the Department of Transportation and Development for permission to advertise for bids. Mr. Pena anticipates a bid opening Oct 24.

Mr. Matte reported that the North Bend Phase B USACOE project is 65% complete. Mr. Matte stated that a water line had to be relocated.

Mr. Matte reported that the Quarterly Levee Inspections are up to date and there are no significant deficiencies were noted and the USACOE annual inspection will take place on Nov 6 & 7. Mr. Matte stated the City of Morgan City has now taken over the grass cutting on the newly constructed levees out to the Morgan City Lakefront. Mr. Matte reported that the Yokley Levee Extension project which was to include raising Industrial Road, now has Metal Shark asking to be included in the protection. A meeting date with all stakeholders is to be determined.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize advertisement of the Avoca Emergency Measures removal and restoration. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the purchase of a copier/scanner for the office. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize the funding of limestone placement on Yokely Levee Project with the parish including use of SMLD's limestone.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to award the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 1B to the lowest responsible bidder. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign a letter of agreement with T. Baker Smith to start the permitting process on Continental Land & Fur Co. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District