

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 15, 2022  
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: Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, Daniel Lipari, Andrew Mancuso, Mike Ortiz, J.P. Hebert, and Norris Crappell with Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Hebert moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Aug 11 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Mancuso moved to approve. Following Mr. Lipari’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported that Miller Engineers has completed the centerline surveys along the major canals as per FTN’s request and has processed the data for the Charenton Canal south of Hwy 90. Mr. Karam stated FTN is continuing to work on the model will incorporate the new survey data.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that the contractor is currently working on the punch list for the Yokely Levee Extension Project.

Mr. Karam of T. Baker Smith reported his office is evaluating potential design alternatives based on landowner meetings and is attempting to get pricing for a potential geotechnical exploration to analyze soil conditions out past the current project alignment for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Karam stated that his office is meeting to discuss the exploration and design alternatives.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor is 95% complete with the installation of the permanent sheet pile and has poured the concrete footings and sump slab for the Morgan City Pump Station Project. Mr. Karam stated that the contractors plan to work on forming the side walls and shear walls this week and will start pouring those in the next two weeks.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported the new completion date for Phase 5 (Electrical) of the project is December 14. Ms. Cutforth stated the transformer pad has been constructed and the transformer installed. Ms. Cutforth also reported the stand for the disconnect box has also been installed and grounded with the conduit being installed between both the transformer pad and disconnect stand. Ms. Cutforth reported installation of the wiring for the underground portion of the project has commenced and materials are being gathered for implementation of the above found portion of the project.

Mr. Matte reported CPRA is conducting public meetings to discuss the current status of the 2023 Master Plan. CPRA has agreed to do a briefing of St. Mary and Iberia Parish officials on the Master Plan. Mr. Matte stated that he attended a meeting with the incoming Colonel from the New Orleans District and were able to give him a short brief on some the SMLD issues.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the approval of a service agreement with CLECO to provide 13-2KV electrical power to the Bayou Chene Flood Structure subject to CPRA’s approval. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 for the Yokely Levee Project. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz moved to authorize the approval of substantial completion for the Yokely Levee Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 for Phase 5 on the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the agreement with T. Baker Smith for the West St. Mary Hydrologic Study. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the purchase of a boat. After a second by Mr. Ortiz 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

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