

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

August 14, 2025
Franklin, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Will Terry, Kenny Arceneaux, J.P. Hebert and with Mike Ortiz and Andrew Mancuso absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Bill Bourgeois; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and members of the public.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jul 17 minutes. After a second by Mr. Thomason, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert’s second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte also presented the Statement of Revenues by Sources and Summary of Expenditures with comparison to budget of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported Olsson has completed the 25-year storm event model results for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study. Mr. Karam stated that his office has set up a meeting with CPRA to discuss the project and permitting process. Mr. Karam also stated that Miller Engineers is currently working on a deeper existing drainage system analysis.

Mr. Karam reported his office is working on individual landowner meetings to discuss project alignment at each site which will allow them to finalize the floodwall alignment. Mr. Karam also reported that his office has met with the geotechnical engineers to discuss their preliminary geotechnical analysis for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. Karam reported his office is working on revising the Walnut Canal weir design plans based on using existing construction materials SMLD has on hand.

Mr. Matte reported pumps for Pump Station #4 are on order and the advertisement was sent out for the construction of that station. Mr. Matte stated plans for Station #8 has been submitted to CPRA for comments. Mr. Matte also reported the City of Morgan City will bring electricity to Pump Station #9.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to advertise and hire an Operations and Maintenance Technician. After a second by Ms. Davis the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to approve the advertise, accept bids and award contracts for TE 168 upon approval by CPRA and GIS recommendations. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motioned was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize modeling by Olsson of rainfall events in the Bayou Teche basin. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize electrical line installation for the Lakeside Flood Gate project, after a second by Mr. Thomason 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 and was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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