

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

September 18, 2025
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: Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Will Terry, Kenny Arceneaux, J.P. Hebert, Mike Ortiz and Andrew Mancuso.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Gerard Bourgeois, Bill Bourgeois; Travis Schonacher, Sealevel Construction; Ray Mayet, GIS Engineering, Austin Hebert, GIS Engineering; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Aug 14 and Sept 2 minutes. After a second by Mr. Thomason, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Mancuso moved to approve. Following Ms. Davis’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. Matte reported T Baker Smith and SMLD met with CPRA on Aug 26 to discuss the overall West of Charenton project and impacts which was very productive. Mr. Matte stated that Miller Engineers has completed the existing drainage system analysis and T Baker Smith’s office is currently reviewing the information and plan to start setting up meetings with farmers and landowners to discuss the project and impacts. Mr. Matte also reported Olsson has completed the 25-year event model runs and is working on Flap gate conceptual runs for design purposes.

Mr. Matte reported T Baker Smith is currently reviewing the geotechnical report to incorporate it into their design for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. Matte stated T Baker Smith and SMLD met with landowners to review project concept and alignment. Mr. Matte reported based on those meetings T Baker Smith will move forward with completing the 60% design package and anticipate having the package complete by the end of the year. Mr. Matte also reported the permit plan has been completed for Walnut Canal weir design plans and TBS is working on submitting the joint permit package this week.

Mr. Matte reported bids were received and a contract was awarded for Pump Station#4. 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 and site inspections are underway for Pump Station #6.

Mr. Brocato reported SMPG the levees will be cut before levee inspections which are scheduled for Nov 12-13.

Mr. Matte reported that Mr. Hidalgo met with CPRA to discuss the planned schedule and the upcoming funding needs for the Lakeside Project and they assured us that funds will be available to initiate this critical project. Mr. Matte stated that the Mississippi and Ohio Rivers are now experiencing low water situations. Mr. Matte also reported a reception for the Commission and many USCOE employees was held Aug 21.

Mr. Hebert moved to accept the Substantial Completion for the Veterans Blvd portion of the TE 168 project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to not disqualify and to award the contract to SeaLevel for construction on Pump Station #4 as part of the TE 168 project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motioned was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz moved to approve the transition of the Executive Director position and related organizational changes. After a second by Ms. Davis the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomason moved to authorize the purchase a vehicle for use by Operations Technician, after a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to adopt the amendment to personnel policy. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moted to authorize the Louisiana Capital Outlay applications for Levees West of Charenton, Lakeside Project, and Bayou Teche improvements. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion was 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