

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 14, 2017  
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: William Hidalgo, J.P. Hebert, James Vidos, Norris Crappell, Alton Broussard, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard, Will Terry and Luther Smith.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Thomas Naquin, T. Baker Smith; Pat Landry, CPRA; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Vidos moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the November 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard, 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.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that they have received the mitigation letter for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project with four banks to choose from and with a possible price of \$11,000 per acre. Mr. Miller stated that his office submitted the plans to CDBG for their review and is still awaiting approval. Mr. Miller also reported that once approval is received by CDBG SMLD will begin the R-O-W process.

Mr. Miller reported that his office received a Letter of No Objection from CPRA and is still waiting on the permit for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller stated that his office is still continuing to move forward on finalizing the plans.

Thomas Naquin with T. Baker Smith reported that the contractors are doing some finishing up work on the levee embankments for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. Naquin stated that the contractors should be seeding and fertilizing the areas soon. Mr. Naquin reported the estimated competition date is still mid-January or February weather permitting for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. Naquin stated that the construction company has completed the work on the concrete caps under US 90 and the contractor continues installing the sheet pile from Hwy 90 to pump station #6. Mr. Naquin also reported that the contractor has completed the clearing on the west side of LA 70 in preparation for the embankment work and has resolved some of the required utility relocations for the LA 70 portion of the project.

Mr. Matte reported to some Lakeside residents that SMLD is working on formulating a plan to protect Lakeside Subdivision.

Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office continues to coordinate with the USACOE on the 408 permit process for the Bayou Chene Project and the 60% design is on hold awaiting the resolution on that process. Mr. Pena stated that the permit that was received from DNR has been extended to September 2019 and a meeting has been scheduled with DNR to discuss modifications to the permit drawings to accommodate the larger gate opening.

Mr. Pena reported that his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project and research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is progressing. Mr. Pena also reported that his office has completed the geotechnical borings and the report has been submitted to DOTD and SMLD. Mr. Pena stated that his office is working with SMLD to answer the comments that were made.

Mr. Matte reported that state officials are still committed to help fund the Bayou Chene project with GOMESA funds and those funds should be available beginning in April 2020, which is later than anticipated. Mr. Matte also reported that a meeting has been scheduled by

Senator Bret Allain with the regional parish officials to discuss funding the Bayou Chene project as well as their participation in the development of the project.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has secured the right of ways from Cabot and JM Burguieres for the North Bend Phase B project however USACOE has requested for new agreements as they have made some changes to the R-O-W maps.

Mr. Matte reported that an extension for the NFIP has passed the House and Senate, which will continue the program beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2017 until December 22, 2017.

Mr. Brocato reported the work on the levee slides have begun and more issues were noted. Mr. Brocato stated that he has contacted the USACOE to take some soil samples on the area.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2017 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2018. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Crappell motioned to adopt the district's amended budget for FY 2017, which was followed by Mr. Crappell's second, it carried unanimously. Mr. Arceneaux motioned to adopt the FY 2018 budget, which was followed by Mr. Hebert's second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to adopt the 2018 meeting schedule, which was followed by Mr. Terry's second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Naquin reported that a bid opening was held Tuesday, Dec 12, for the Justa Street Levee Reach, at which time 12 sealed bids were received and Southern Constructors submitted the low bid in the amount of \$1,069,524.50. Mr. Naquin stated his office recommends that SMLD execute a contract with Southern Constructors for the Justa Street Levee Reach project.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to execute a contract with the above mentioned contractor for the said mentioned project. After a second by Mr. Crappell 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. Hebert and carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District