

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 13, 2014
PATTERSON, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell, and Luther Smith, with Will Terry absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robby Robinson; Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 9 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the title search for the purpose of detailing the property ownership of the surrounding areas of the proposed Bayou Choupique levees has been completed by the Town of Baldwin’s attorney. Mr. Miller stated the next step would be to draw up property plats and to start the process for right-of-ways.

Mr. Miller reported that he met with the new owners of the property along the Yokeley Levee project. Mr. Miller stated the new owners are still determining where the new office building will be located.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project will be submitted once it is complete.

Mr. Pena reported the anticipated first advertisement date of the Franklin Canal Pump Station should start around Feb 14 with the pre-bid meeting to be about Mar 5 and bid opening Mar 18. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign an agreement with Cleco Energy Company for right-of-way to run power to the pump stations. After a second by Mr. Cantrell the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers have pushed back the dates of the preliminary results due to delays with mesh and elevation data.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office received approval for the plans and specs on the Yellow Bayou improvement project but the project description had to be re-entered due to the fact that the original did not include a pump station. Mr. Miller stated once approval is received this project will be ready to go to bid.

Mr. Matte reported the preliminary designs for the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP) should be completed at the end of the month for the levee stretch from Auburn to the mainline levee near the Lake End Park. Mr. Matte also reported the Siracusa Levee Project has begun.

Mr. Marc Rogers of T. Baker Smith reported that a conference call will be set up next week to speak with a technical advisor with FEMA to discuss cost effectiveness and construction techniques on levee projects.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and geotech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. Mr. Pena stated that some modeling results for the project should be done by end

of March; the modeling is aimed at showing the environmental impact of a 250 foot opening in the structure as opposed the already approved 420 foot opening for vessel traffic.

Mr. Pena reported that there is an amendment to Task Order 5 for additional modeling related to permitting, a mitigation plan for the property and right of way acquisitions. Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Amendment #4 of Task Order 5. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte stated the updated Wax Lake East LSER final report date is scheduled to be completed by the end of February.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has met with USCOE to discuss plans to raise the deficient sections of the Wax Lake East Levees and that the permit application to address those deficiencies will be submitted 2/14. Mr. Matte reported that he attended a meeting hosted by St. Mary Parish Government to discuss the options available to the Cities and Parish to move forward with DFIRM adoption.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that he and Tim met with the legal department of the USCOE to discuss all of the various legal requirements within the PPA. Mr. Bourgeois stated that an agreement was made to make some amendments and revisions to the PPA. Mr. Bourgeois also stated that he drafted a CEA with Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District to facilitate their contribution of \$500,000 towards engineering fees for the Bayou Chene Project.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to amend the agenda to add entering into the above mentioned CEA. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion was passed unanimously. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorized Mr. Hidalgo to sign the CEA with Terrebonne Levee and Conservation District once the agreement is finalized. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that Gavilon Midstream Energy requested to relocate a portion of a levee road in Franklin south of the railroad to be able to access a new rail spur. Mr. Matte suggested that SMLD concur with St. Mary Parish and St. Mary Parish Drainage District #1. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the legal documents to facilitate the road relocation. Following Mr. Vidos' second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Bourgeois stated GOHSEP strongly recommends that SMLD engage in competitive bidding now to prevent FEMA denials after an emergency. Mr. Smith motioned the district to solicit appropriate bids and contracts for materials, equipment, and contract work. After a second by Mr. Norris the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte stated that Mr. Bourgeois is in the process of drafting intergovernmental agreements with the Town of Berwick, City of Morgan City, City of Franklin, and the Town of Baldwin as required to implement the new Project Partnership Agreement with the USACE.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District