

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 13, 2022
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met via telephone conference call/ Zoom on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, J.P. Hebert, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso, Will Terry, Mike Ortiz, Luther Smith and Daniel Lipari.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth and Kevin O’Gorman, Intracoastal Consults; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to accept the agenda and the decision to meet via Zoom, which was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously

Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 9 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported the agreement with Boardwalk has been executed for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that the clearing and grubbing is complete along areas to receive embankment and four of seven culverts and canal gates have been installed.

Mr. Robert Karam of T. Baker Smith reported that the design work is progressing on the CPRA alternative for the Lakeside Flood Protection project and the geotechnical engineer is currently working on the analysis of the latest boring material. Mr. Karam stated that his office should receive the report by the end of next week. Mr. Karam also reported T. Baker Smith continues to refine the typical cross-sections for that project.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor has ordered the concrete piles for the Morgan City Pump Station Project and the sheet piles have been delivered to JD Fields which is being coated. Mr. Karam reported materials should be delivered to the jobsite in the next few weeks.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported all landing piles are driven to grade, installation of the storage piles has commenced and a boat pier was constructed on the protected side of the receiving structure on the Avoca side on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth reported Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project is nearing completion. Ms. Cutforth also reported Phase 4A of the project has been deemed substantially complete. Ms. Cutforth reported the contractor is 95% complete with the clearing and grubbing for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth also reported a pre-bid contractor site visit was conducted for the Phase 5 of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated the bid opening was held earlier today and the bids were higher than expected and her office would have to review the alternatives and meet with the contractors.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE has provided SMLD with a quantity of limestone to utilize atop our federal levees. Mr. Matte stated that the limestone has been delivered and is stored at SMLD site on the Wax Lake Outlet.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Mr. Matte to sign the IGA with the State of Louisiana, Office of Facilities Planning for the West St. Mary Hydrologic Study, Planning and Construction. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the engagement of APTIM to provide wage documentation and project administrative services for the Yokely Levee Extension project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize approval of Change Order #10 Phase 3 of Bayou Chene project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, 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. Crappell carried unanimously.

Attest:

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