

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
SPECIAL MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2021  
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

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

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

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 10 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Lipari moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office made adjustments in the alignment and the ROW plans for the Yokely Levee Extension project.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office updated plans and specifications to publicly advertise for bids and will be updating electrical drawings for the new Morgan City pump station and drainage improvements.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office submitted 50% plans to SMLD on the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office is continuing with the 95% design of the project.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported that Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project is also still ongoing; the jackets for the receiving structure were lifted and installation will begin soon, the floodwall and guide wall construction is ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), modules 1-4 are on the erection line, 5 and 6 are being fabricated, and 7 and 8 are on the line. Dirt is being transported to the Island and clearing stacking and burning is underway on borrow canal section for Phase 4A of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated clearing of ROW has started and they will be working closest to the structure first.

Ms. Cutforth reported painting on the south receiving structure is nearly complete and painting of the south walkway remains after the installation of the handrails for the Bayou Teche Project. Ms. Cutforth stated the painting of the north receiving structure, the Pull Pile Assembly, the Mooring Pile, the bracing arms and the pivot pile remains to be completed.

Mr. Matte reported the USCOE has informed SMLD that the levee slide is next in line to be repaired. Mr. Matte stated the Parish has ordered tractors.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize the Change Order for Bayou Teche for winches for the flap gates and handrail, Mr. Crappell seconded the motion with a nay by Mr. Terry.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize participation in the IGA with St. Mary Parish, Drainage District #1, and the City of Franklin to facilitate land acquisitions for the Yokely Bayou Drainage Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the resolution of respect for Mr. Barry Broussard. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion passed unanimously.

**RESOLUTION OF RESPECT**

**WHEREAS**, the Lord Almighty in His Infinite mercy and goodness has seen fit to remove from our midst, Mr. Barry A. Broussard, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Broussard was an Honorably Discharged veteran of the United States Army who served in Vietnam and was a prominent businessman in the community for over 40 years, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Broussard served on multiple Boards and Commissions in St. Mary Parish such as the Wax Lake East Drainage District and the St. Mary Levee District, in the capacity of its devoted and faithful Secretary/Treasurer since its creation, and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Broussard was a beloved son, husband, father and grandfather, cherished by his entire family, and

**WHEREAS**, the members of the St. Mary Levee District's Board of Commissioners wish to acknowledge publicly their sorrow and sympathy to the family of Mr. Broussard, and

**WHEREAS**, the St. Mary Levee District hopes that his family will find comfort in the thought that their grief and sorrow are shared by their friends.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, by the St. Mary Levee District through the unanimous adoption of this resolution that they solemnly deliberate with sincere condolences, sympathy, and understanding during this time of grief.

**ADOPTED AND APPROVED** by the St. Mary Levee District in regular session convened on this the 14<sup>th</sup> day of January 2021.

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

Attest:

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J. P Hebert, Vice President  
St. Mary Levee District