

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 13, 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, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Luther Smith, Barry Broussard, Alton Broussard, and Kenny Arceneaux.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William & Gerard Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Pat Landry, CPRA; Blaine Crochet, Darnell, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Hebert moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 8 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Blaine Crochet with Darnell, Sikes, Gardes & Frederick presented the audit for the year 2016. Mr. Crochet stated an unmodified opinion was issued which is the best possible that can be given. Mr. Arceneaux moved to accept the 2016 audit, which was seconded by Mr. Broussard and carried unanimously.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that his office recently received comments from DNR on the permit request for the Bayou Choupique Flood Protection and that his office is working to address those comments. Mr. Miller stated that the Phase I Cultural Assessment field work has been completed and the report should be ready soon. Mr. Miller also reported the first of the appraisals were completed and the remaining due by Monday.

Mr. Miller reported his office was informed by the USACOE that the 408 permission would be needed for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller reported that his office received a Geotechnical report based on historical data and all stability reports were fine. Mr. Miller stated a meeting will be again with the Parish and the USACOE to discuss the findings.

Mr. Miller reported that punch list items are being worked on for the South Willow Street Pump Project and the pumps that were installed are online. Pumps at Franklin Canal Pump Station should be installed and is completed; however a new regulator is needed due to the wrong one being installed by Cummins.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is the end of July weather permitting. Mr. O’Gorman reported that sheet pile work has begun in front of a pump station and driving sheet pile should start August 1 by the Cajun Coast welcome center. Mr. O’Gorman reported the bid date for the LA 70 portion has been pushed back to July 18 with construction to be contracted to take 270 days.

Jeff Pena with CB&I 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 also reported his office will request an extension on the DNR permit that was received in Sept 2015. Mr. Pena stated his office recently met with CPRA to review the model runs on the Increase Atchafalaya project and received a memo from CPRA detailing the Bayou Chene, Bayou Boeuf, and GIWW flow rates with and without the project.

Mr. Pena reported his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated research of the property owners along the right-of-ways is in process and the plat

maps are being prepared. Mr. Pena also reported that SMLD will engage an appraiser for the affected properties.

Mr. Matte reported a meeting was recently held with the FEMA representative to begin the process of requesting the Letter of Map Revision for Berwick to properly reflect their current status of being protected by an accredited levee.

Mr. Matte reported there are some concerns with some title searches for the tracts that are being considered for cattle grazing.

Mr. Matte reported that the Flood Insurance Program is up for renewal in Sept. Mr. Matte stated that there have been some bills that have been passed the committee process in the US House which contains some threatening language for residents in our area. Mr. Matte reported some of the primary tenets of the effort up for renewal are grandfathering, addressing administrative costs, seeking credit for risk reduction, requiring actuarial calculations to calculate costs of the program, working to expand the participants.

Mr. Matte reported that Miller Engineers have started the bid process on the levee slides that reported earlier in the year.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize SMLD to spend \$245,060 to perform geotechnical, survey, and modeling in support of application for funding assistance from Statewide Flood Control program on Bayou Teche Flood Protection project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize SMLD to renew the legal services contract with Bourgeois Law. After a second by Mr. Vidos the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motion to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Rights of Entry agreements for the NorthBend Phase B project. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Vidos moved to authorize SMLD to spend \$131,000 to design, survey, and permitting to drive sheet piles along Justa Street to tie into the Morgan City Levee Improvements Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District