

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 14, 2018
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Gerard Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Sam Jones, State Representative; and members of the public and media.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 10th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. A. Broussard moved to approve. Following Mr. Crappell second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Sam Jones reported that State officials plan to provide funds for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection project each year for the next six years; however the exact amount of that annual funding is still unclear due to the uncertainty of available funds each year in the state budget.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office has held a meeting to assist with the Bayou Choupique project moving forward. Mr. Miller stated that a mitigation meeting was also held. Mr. Matte also reported that Mr. Bourgeois has started to mail out land acquisitions letters to the appropriate land owners.

Mr. Brocato reported the revisions made to the options of locating the levees west of Charenton.

Mr. Miller reported his office will open bids for the Yokely Levee project within the month.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office is working on reviewing the final change order to the closeout of the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. O’Gorman reported the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project was deemed substantially complete. Mr. O’Gorman stated the contractors are working on the west half of the road on the LA 70 portion of the project with most of the embankment completed. Mr. O’Gorman also reported that the estimated substantial completion date for that portion is July 23. Mr. O’Gorman reported that the installation of sheet pile is ongoing for the Justa Street project with a completion date slated for Sept 1.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported her office has received the 408 permission from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Ms. Cutforth stated that her office has also received the letter from DNR on the extension of the permit until September 2019. Ms. Cutforth stated Earthsearch has completed their field visit and the report was submitted to the USACOE to address final comments. Ms. Cutforth also reported a meeting was held with the USACOE to discuss mitigation requirements on June 13.

Ms. Cutforth reported their office has submitted the permit extension request for the Bayou Teche project which is set to expire September 2018. Ms. Cutforth stated that the ROW coordination is ongoing and the landowner is reviewing the ROW request. Ms. Cutforth also reported that the Statewide Flood Control application was approved and currently waiting on House Bill 2 for the funding schedule.

Mr. Matte reported that a notice to proceed was issued for the North Bend Phase B project.

Mr. Matte reported on the meeting with the USACOE regarding the mitigation for the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte stated that the USACOE has determine that they now have all of the information needed to enable them to issue the permit for the project. Mr. Matte reported that SMLD will be required to submit a mitigation determination for their review, after which they will issue a mitigation letter. Mr. Matte also reported SMLD's Cultural and Historical Site report is being reviewed and the agencies are given 30 days to complete that review. Once SMLD receives the mitigation letter the permit for the project shortly thereafter the permit should be issued.

Mr. Matte reported that another extension for the NFIP has passed the House and Senate, which will continue the program beyond the expiration date of September 30, 2017 until July 31, 2018.

Mr. G. Bourgeois reported the some of the property may require land owners appropriation along Bayou Choupique Flood Protection project. He suggested that this should be put off for another month.

Mr. Matte reported the reason for the slowdown on the Justa Street Levee project was due to settlement within the levee section. Mr. Matte stated that he did authorize the contractor to dig to make sure there was no damage done to the pipe. Mr. Matte reported that a change order will be issue by the contractor.

Mr. Matte reported on the possible funding options for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection project. Mr. Matte stated by borrowing the funds would expedite construction with the SMLD paying roughly about \$1 million in interest, construction beginning in 2019 and finishing in 2020; without borrowing the funds it would cost the SMLD about \$2.8 million, construction starting in 2019 and finishing in 2023.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Task Order 6 by APTIM for the design of the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Structure. After a second by Mr. Vidos, 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District