

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 18, 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: James Vidos, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Norris Crappell, Luther Smith, Barry Broussard, Alton Broussard and with Kenny Arceneaux absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Apr 13 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported the culture resources survey has been ordered and is expected to start next week along the Bayou Choupique project; the permit is underway.

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 a meeting was to be held with USACOE to discuss the permit and could take up to a year to complete the process.

Mr. Miller reported that the work on the South Willow Street Pump Project is still ongoing as well as at Franklin Canal Pump Station; a completion date is estimated the end of May.

Mr. Matte reported that the revised substantial completion date for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is the end of June. Mr. Matte reported that notice to proceed was issued April 3 for the Lake End Park to Justa Street segment with a completion date of May 2018. Mr. Matte reported T. Baker Smith will begin advertisement on the construction contract for the LA 70 portion May 25 with June 22 as the date for receiving bids.

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 on the Increase Atchafalaya project and discussed coordination between the two projects.

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. Matte reported the local municipalities and the Parish have adopted their maps by ordinance were effective date of April 19. Mr. Matte reported he will begin meeting with the Parish to help Berwick to request a Letter of Map Revision to properly reflect current status of being protected by an accredited levee.

Mr. Matte reported the recommendations of the cattle grazing lease committee from an earlier meeting in the month. Mr. Matte reported the recommendations made were to advertise for lease two tracts including the tract from Charenton Beach Road to the Myette Point boat landing and the tract from Myette Point boat landing to the Verdenville boat landing, SMLD to provide sufficient fencing materials, install 1-4 cattle guards, and to set a minimum lease price for the advertisement. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD also needs to look into closing the lower

road running along the levee within those tracts. Mr. Matte also reported that another meeting should be held before any decisions are made.

Mr. Matte reported that the EDA grant is to close out in September 2017 therefore SMLD is submitting invoices and requesting the balance of the funding in order to allow EDA to close out this grant. Mr. Matte also reported on the 2017 high water season and the river prediction of nearly 7 foot for the Atchafalaya River by May 28th or 29th. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD doesn't expect to implement any flood fighting measures but will continue to monitor the situation. Mr. Matte reminded everyone that permits will be affected due to the fact that the Carrolton gauge is over 11 foot and predicted to go over the 15 foot mark. Mr. Matte also reported that there is one levee slide on the former ABLD levee and is being monitored but the repairs will be not begin until the river reaches a more normal level. Also reported by Mr. Matte, SMLD has received \$1.6 in reimbursements from FEMA for the 2016 flood fight efforts.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Terry moved to adopt the 2017 millage resolution of 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. B. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Will Terry and seconded by Mr. B. Broussard.

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by St. Mary Levee District:

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operation	5 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: William Hidalgo, Barry Broussard, J.P. Hebert, Will Terry, Alton Broussard, James Vidos, and Norris Crappell
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Kenny Arceneaux

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 18, 2017, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorized Mr. Matte to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement for participation lobbying effort with the Morganza Action Coalition. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard 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. A. Broussard and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District