

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 8, 2014  
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director of St. Mary Levee District; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, CB&I Co.; Rick Dugas, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA); Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Mr. Paul Naquin, St. Mary Parish President and, members of the public and media.

Mr. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the April 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Vidos moved to approve. Following Mr. Mancuso second, the motion carried unanimously.

Public comments came from Mr. Pat Cloutier, who again wanted to inquire about the proposed rules and regulations and the associated permit process as they may apply to him. Mr. Hebert directed Mr. Cloutier to make an appointment with SMLD’s Operations Manager, who would cover the issues with him in detail.

Mr. Miller, with Miller Engineers reported that all the title information was received from the Town of Baldwin’s attorney as a result of the title search detailing the property ownership surrounding the proposed Bayou Choupique levees. Mr. Miller’s office has completed the boundary survey work last week.

Mr. Miller reported that surveying has been completed along Industry Road for the Yokeley Levee project and his office is in the process of finishing up the preliminary plats.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the operation and maintenance plan for the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project is currently still being edited and then will be submitted to CPRA.

Mr. Pena reported that the Franklin Canal Pump Station project will hold the pre-bid meeting May 21 with the bid opening June 2.

Mr. Pena reported that a model run has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers are now calibrating the model to verify the modeling results.

Mr. Miller reported the Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou project construction bids were opened April 17 with 3 companies bidding. Sea Level Construction was the lowest bidder but was over budget. Mr. Miller stated his office is working with the construction company to lower the cost of the project.

Mr. Miller reported the permit for the Wax Lake East work has been received from DNR and is currently waiting on the report from the USACOE.

Mr. Kevin O’Gorman of T. Baker Smith reported they are still looking at what could be done to lower the cost of the Morgan City Levee Improvement project. Mr. Mancuso moved to expand the agenda to amend the contract with T Baker Smith to analyze the realignment of a portion of the project. Following a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Mancuso motioned to amend the said contract. Following a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Pena reported surveying and geotech data collection has been completed on Bayou Chene project. He continues to work on the permit. Mr. Pena stated landowner coordination is still on going and a drafting of the mitigation plan has commenced.

Mr. Matte stated the updated Wax Lake East LSER final report date has been received. Mr. Matte stated the Wax lake East levee did report as deficient for a 1% storm due to elevation.

Mr. Matte reported Mr. Brocato and he attended levee inspection training that was hosted by CPRA and they also attended an on-line permit training session also held by CPRA.

Mr. Matte reported he met with Mr. Bourgeois and SMLD's insurance agent to discuss the upcoming insurance renewal.

Mr. Matte reported the annual inspection report from the USACOE has been received on the Wax Lake East, Wax Lake West, Avoca and Bayou Sale levees. Mr. Matte stated there was a report of deficiencies; Tiger Island levee (south side of Morgan City) was cited as unacceptable due to vegetative growth through the sand bags.

Mr. Brocato reported some of the items that were sited on the annual inspections which were all minor items.

Mr. Matte reported the publication of the notice to renew the current millage and formally announced it will be up for consideration at the June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting. The proposal is to renew the millage at its current rate of 5 mills.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District