

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 14, 2013
PATTERSON, 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, Barry Broussard, Andrew Mancuso, Wayne Cantrell Jr., Norris Crappell and with Luther Smith 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); Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Robby Robinson; Duval Arthur, Homeland Security; Jason Kennedy and Marc Rogers, T. Baker Smith; and, members of the public and media.

Mr. W. Bourgeois swore in Mr. Wayne Cantrell Jr. as the new commissioner for District VI, which was held previously by Mr. Raleigh Boudreaux.

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

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

Mr. Matte presented the proposed 2013 amended budget and proposed the 2014 budget. Mr. Matte stated there will be a public meeting in December for the budget.

Mr. Hidalgo solicited public comments. Mr. Dugas, with Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority (CPRA), stated CPRA received \$68 million from BP and will be distributed to five major projects.

Mr. Matte reported that a determination for advertisement to solicit proposals for the Bayou Choupiqué Flood Protection project to have real estate professional appraise properties is not needed. Mr. Matte stated the work will channel through the contract with Miller Engineers.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported a meeting with Sunrise Marine about the Yokeley Levee project was held and the company was good with the alignment that was presented to them. Once the property plats are completed an agreement will be drawn up.

CB&I’s Jeff Pena reported that the Franklin Canal Levee and Floodgate project was completed on November 4. Mr. Pena stated that the dedication ceremony is scheduled for November 21 to name the Franklin Canal flood structure the Philip Luke Memorial Franklin Canal Closure in honor of a deceased commission member.

Mr. Pena reported the bidding of the Franklin Canal Pump Station should take place within 45 days and a pre-bid meeting should be the week of Dec 16.

Mr. Pena reported that survey data collection has been completed on the Bayou Teche Recon Study project and the modelers will produce preliminary results prior to the Dec meeting and reports should be submitted by the end of January.

Mr. Miller of Miller Engineers reported final markups have been made on the drawings that were sent to USACE to accommodate what was already done by the USACE on both the Hanson Canal and Yellow Bayou.

Mr. Matte stated that the USACE have ongoing projects on pump stations in various locations throughout the parish. Mr. Matte asked Mr. Brocato to prepare a presentation to show the different upgrades done to the pump stations.

T. Baker Smith's Jason Kennedy reported on the status of the work that has been done on the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvement Project (LCIP). Mr. Kennedy stated the design work should be completed soon.

Mr. Pena reported meeting with the modelers to review results will be the first week of December on the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Pena stated that a meeting request has been sent to the USACE to discuss responses for the week of December 9 or 16.

Mr. Matte reported \$68 million will come through the National Fish and Wildlife foundation as part of the BP oil spill settlement. Mr. Matte reported some of the monies mentioned above could go toward the project which will increase Atchafalaya River flow through Terrebonne Parish. Mr. Matte stated he expressed to CPRA officials that if more water is sent to Terrebonne Parish through the Intracoastal Waterway, the water will travel down Bayou Chene unless there is a structure to prevent the flow.

Mr. Hidalgo stated the district needs to make sure any diversions are not detrimental to navigation.

Mr. Matte stated he has been in contact with the USACOE in regards to the LSER reports. The final report has been pushed back to January 30.

Mr. Matte reported a permit schedule has been implemented for the St. Mary Levee District and would be presented each month to the board with the monthly permits that were approved within the month.

Mr. Matte reported he attended the State Legislative committee meetings concerning National Flood Insurance.

Mr. Brocato reported the next levee inspections will be held on December 11th and 12th.

Mr. Bourgeois reported he has received a draft of the Project Partnership Agreement (PPA) that has been drafted by an attorney by the USACOE. Mr. Bourgeois stated SMLD needs to determine what responsibilities they would like to take on.

Mr. Bourgeois reported the agenda item for the amending of the CPRA contract for the Franklin Canal funding has been approved; the approval needed for a signature is now needed. Mr. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign said contract amendment. Following Mr. Hebert's second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported the approval of extending the ongoing contract with Miller Engineers is needed for Miller Engineers to continue with the work on the Wax Lake East Levee. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the resolution to extend the contract with Miller Engineers. Following Mr. Mancuso's second the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo reported an additional signatory on the checking account is needed since two of the three current signatories have been out of town at the same time. Mr. Vidos motioned to authorize Mr. Crappell to be added as an additional signatory. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported Ms. Cutforth has been working on a logo for the levee district and has presented one for your authorization to use. Mr. Hebert motioned the logo presented would be the levee district's logo. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported a draft of rules and regulations have been finalized after seeking input from CPRA and the Attorney General's office. Mr. Matte is asking authorization to publish a "Notice of Intent", which is telling the public that the rules have been drafted and are intended to be adopted in the future. Mr. Terry authorized the Notice of Intent be published. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District