

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 8, 2016
BERWICK, 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Barry Broussard and Luther Smith.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois, SMLD Attorney; Jeff Pena & Nicole Cutforth, CB&I; Patrick Landry, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Mayor Ratcliff, Town of Berwick; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

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

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

Mr. Matte reported the letters to the landowners along the Bayou Choupique project have been approved by the Town of Baldwin’s Mayor and the letters will be sent out tomorrow.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported his office received the wetland delineation letter for the Yokely Levee Project and is currently working on the preliminary designs.

Mr. Miller reported his office received an updated schedule from the contractors for the South Willow Street Project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractors would start driving sheetpile at the middle of Sept and would start installing rip rap by the 1st of October. Mr. Miller also reported the pumps for the Franklin Canal Pump Station project should be installed by the end of November.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the construction for the Siracusville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project is still ongoing. Mr. O’Gorman reported his office received comments on the 95% plans of the Final Design sent to CPRA for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion and is currently in the process of addressing those comments. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office will soon be executing a contract with a mitigation bank for the LA 70 portion to satisfy the mitigation required by the USACOE.

Jeff Pena with CB&I reported the design for the Bayou Chene project is still ongoing and his office is currently waiting on engineering division of the USACOE to finalize their parts of the process.

Mr. Pena reported the mitigation contract has been finalized and executed for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated the DNR permit has been received and his office is currently waiting for the USACOE permit.

Mr. Pena reported his office had final inspection on Sept 2 for the Bayou Chene Emergency Structure Removal. Mr. Pena stated his office is reviewing the survey that T. Baker Smith recently turned in of Bayou Chene. Mr. Pena also reported the Tabor Canal Removal Project is completed.

Mr. Matte reported the annual levee inspections have been scheduled by the USACOE for November 9 and 10. Mr. Matte stated the current estimate of our total expenditures on the 2016 Flood fight will exceed \$7,150,000; this estimate does include the projected cost of the repair of Avoca Road. Mr. Matte also reported meetings concerning the 408 permit process are still ongoing.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Mr. Brocato to purchase the limestone for the Avoca Project. After a second by Mr. Vidos, 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. Vidos and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District