

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 12, 2018
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: William Hidalgo, J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, James Vidos, Will Terry, Luther Smith, Alton Broussard, Barry Broussard, and Kenny Arceneaux.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; William Bourgeois; Jeff Pena, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. A. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 8th regular meeting minutes after a correction is made. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported that the comments from the CDBG review for the Bayou Choupique project has been addressed and sent back for final review.

Mr. Matte reported that he along with Mr. Miller is in the process of scheduling a tour for an assessment of the existing levees that are primarily farmer’s levees in the area west of the Charenton Canal.

Mr. Miller reported his office has addressed and returned the comments on the Yokely Levee project. Mr. Miller stated that the project could go out for bid within the next week or two.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the contractors are completing the final punch list items for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. O’Gorman reported the sheet pile work continues for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman stated the contractors have completed the temporary paving and striping of the shifting lanes and have put barriers in place on the LA 70 portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman reported that the sheet pile has been delivered to the job site for the Justa Street project.

Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received the 408 permission from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena stated that his office will work to secure the 404 permit from the USACOE for the project. Mr. Pena reported that public comments have been received and all responses have been addressed. Mr. Pena stated Earthsearch will complete their field visit next week and a report will be completed 30 days following the visit.

Mr. Pena reported that grant funding for the Bayou Teche project has been approved and we should receive \$2 million from Statewide Flood Control. It is anticipated that we would receive \$2 million each year over the next six years to fully fund 90% of the construction costs. Mr. Pena stated research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is progressing. Mr. Pena also reported that his office attended a public hearing of the Joint Legislative Committee on Transportation, Highways, and Public Works was held Feb 26th, no comments were made and no changes requested for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated the Recommended Construction Program was approved as presented by the Joint Transportation Committee and the project is now in the program.

Mr. Matte reported State Representative Sam Jones filed a bill this session that would prohibit public entities from restricting motor vehicle access to roads adjacent to levees except during maintenance or emergencies. Mr. Hebert moved to rescind the resolution that was passed

at the previous meeting to restrict vehicle access on the lower haul road along the West Atchafalaya Guide Levee. The motion was seconded by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that the North Bend Phase B project is out for bid and the receive date is within the next few weeks.

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. Matte reported the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire needs to be approved for audit purposes each year. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign above mentioned questionnaire, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Broussard motioned to renew the Miller Engineer's miscellaneous service contract. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that the 2017 budget needed to be amended as well as the proposed 2018 budget to reflect reimbursements for the 2016 flood fight. Mr. B Broussard motioned to amend the said budgets, which was seconded by Mr. Terry and carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to sign letters of support for funding of U.S. Geological Survey gauges on the Gulf Intracoastal Waterway. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to sign a letter of support for the Bike Grant for the City of Morgan City. After a second by Mr. Vidos the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize payment for the request for funding for the Bayou Choupique project. After a second by Mr. Crappell 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. Hebert and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District