

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 8, 2018  
MORGAN CITY, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with, J.P Hebert presiding and the following board members present: J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Will Terry, Luther Smith, Alton Broussard, and Barry Broussard with William Hidalgo Sr., and James Vidos 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, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public and media.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the January 11<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported his office has received the plans back that were submitted to CDBG for their review. Mr. Miller stated that they had some comments on the plans and that his office will work on a response. Mr. Miller also reported that the next step in the project is acquiring the R-O-W.

Mr. Miller reported that his office submitted the plans to CDBG and is awaiting approval for the Yokely Levee Project. Mr. Miller stated that his office has received the required permits and once the plans are approved this project will be ready to go out for bid.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that the contractors have submitted the final acceptance for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. O’Gorman reported work continues for the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman stated that the contractor installing the sheet pile has been running into some issues due to underground obstructions. Mr. O’Gorman also reported the contractors have completed the sub surface work on the LA 70 portion of the 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 also reported that the project has been on public notice since Jan 22<sup>nd</sup> and the public notice comment period ends on Feb 11<sup>th</sup>. And as of this date there have been no comments.

Mr. Pena reported that his office has received all the permits for the Bayou Teche project and research on the property ownership along the right-of-ways is progressing. Mr. Pena also reported that his office conducted a meeting with DOTD on Feb 8<sup>th</sup> in regards to the Statewide Flood Control Grant application for the Bayou Teche project.

Mr. Bourgeois reported that during the Cattle Lease Committee’s investigation into SMLD’s ownership of land, a list of maps were found and his office is currently working with the USACOE to get copies of those maps to establish the extent of ownership.

Mr. Matte reported that the North Bend Phase B project advertised in the month of January but had to postpone the date to receive bids due to modifications to the designs.

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 February 9, 2018.

Mr. Matte reported that the levee slide that was discovered in 2017 on the West Atchafalaya Basin Levee has been repaired. The levee wash out area near Franklin Canal has been examined by the USACOE.

Mr. Bourgeois reported on the process of leasing the property for cattle grazing. After discussion it was determined a meeting with the affected landowners will be held.

Mr. B. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Brocato to hire contractors to clean and repair the Franklin Canal Barge and to install a cover. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. A Broussard moved to expand the agenda to add an agenda item for a fence across the front of SMLD's leased property to protect the limestone that was been delivered by USACOE. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. A. Broussard moved to authorize Mr. Brocato to hire a contractor to install a 130' fence across the front of the limestone leased land. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District