

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JULY 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: J.P. Hebert, Norris Crappell, James Vidos, Will Terry, Alton Broussard, Barry Broussard, Kenny Arceneaux and Luther Smith.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager of St. Mary Levee District; Bill Bourgeois; Jeff Pena and Nicole Cutforth, APTIM; Kevin O’Gorman, T. Baker Smith; Stan Aucoin, CPRA; and members of the public and media.

Mr. A. Broussard moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 14th regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, 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.

Mr. Tim Matte reported Miller Engineers’ office held a meeting with CDBG regarding the Bayou Choupique project moving forward. Mr. Matte stated the ROW process is still ongoing with the property owners.

Mr. Matte reported that he and Mr. Brocato will schedule a meeting with landowners near the levees west of Charenton at the beginning of August.

Mr. Matte reported that St. Mary Parish has received bids for the Yokely Levee and that there are sufficient CDGB funds available for this project. Since this project is to begin soon SMLD is in a position to move forward with permitting, land acquisition, and final design of the Yokely Levee Extension portion of the project

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office is working on executing the balance order for the Siracusaville section of the Morgan City Levee Construction and Improvements Project. Mr. O’Gorman reported the contractors will begin reseeding the Lake End Park to Justa Street portion of the project next month and was deemed substantially complete. Mr. O’Gorman stated his office held a progress meeting with the contractors that are working on the on the LA 70 portion of the project. Mr. O’Gorman reported that the installation of sheet pile is ongoing for the Justa Street project. Mr. O’Gorman stated the contractors did find a separation of a joint within the culvert pipe.

Mr. 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 has also received the letter from DNR on the extension of the permit until September 2019. Mr. Pena stated Earthsearch has completed their field visit and the report was submitted to the USACOE to address final comments. Mr. Pena also reported the SMLD received a letter by the USACOE regarding the mitigation requirements. Mr. Pena stated that the review may take another 30 days to be completed before approval will be issued; once approved SMLD will be able to purchase mitigation credits required.

Mr. Pena reported their office has submitted the permit extension request for the Bayou Teche project which is set to expire September 2018. Mr. Pena stated that the ROW coordination is ongoing and the landowner is reviewing the ROW request. Mr. Pena also reported 50% design work has been initiated with the Magnetometer and Topographic surveys completed.

Mr. Matte reported that preliminary contractor activity on the North Bend Phase B project has begun.

Mr. Matte reported that the 2017 audit has been completed and the auditors will present their report to the board at the August meeting.

Mr. Matte reported that with the high water event over, SMLD is ready to have the contractor return to repair the levee wash area near the Berwick boat landing.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE determined the erosion occurring along the GIWW south of the Wax Lake East levee near Cotten Road needs to be shored up. Mr. Matte stated the USACOE will provide rock material for the area if SMLD is willing to do the offloading and placement. Mr. Matte reported plans are in process to accomplish this task.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD has been informed that the USACOE may have some additional limestone for our use and would like to start solicitation of proposals in the East end for a storage site. Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Matte to start the process of the mentioned above item. After a second by Mr. B. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE has informed SMLD that they have funding to proceed with a stabilization project along the GIWW south of Berwick as the first step towards raising the levees along the stretch of levees between the end of the floodwall and boat launch. Mr. Matte stated the area will be stabilized by placing large rock along the waterfront in the GIWW.

Mr. Hebert motioned to expand the meeting agenda to add 11 E discussions and any action regarding Change Order 1 and 2 on the Justa Street Levee Reach project. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD approved the purchase of a front end loader attachment by the Parish but there was increase in the price due to an attachment not quoted. Mr. Matte stated the new quoted price of \$10,864.73 was the correct attachment along with the grapple attachment. Mr. Terry motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to amend the CEA with St. Mary Parish Government on the purchase of the front end loader and grapple attachment. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported he and Mr. Bourgeois held a conference call with USDA for funding for the Bayou Teche project and will meet next week to review all funding options.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Task Order 6 by APTIM for the design of the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Structure. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to authorize the contractor's Change Order request #1 in the amount of \$ 10,360 for exploratory digging and Change Order request #2 in the amount of \$12,999.75 for backfilling the open trench over the culvert on the Justa Street Levee Reach 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District