

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 14, 2019  
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, Kenny Arceneaux, Alton Broussard, James Vidos, Barry Broussard, Luther Smith and with Will Terry absent.

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

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 10 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard, 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. Matte presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Tim Matte reported the Bayou Choupique project continues to move forward with the real estate issues. Mr. Matte stated that of the three properties that were appropriated they are awaiting CDBG for review and that no agreement has yet been reached with property owners of land along dirt road.

It was moved by Mr. Vidos and seconded by Mr. B. Broussard that the following resolution for appropriation of property necessary for the Bayou Choupique project be adopted, which motion carried unanimously.

**WHEREAS**, the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT has been granted by the Louisiana Legislature certain rights, powers, and duties, including but not limited to establishing, constructing, operating, or maintaining flood control works, as they relate to hurricane protection, tidewater flooding, saltwater intrusion, and conservation, in addition to all other rights, powers and duties provided by law, and

**WHEREAS**, the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT desires to improve, construct, and/or maintain flood control works and/or levees, levee drainage, and those matters incidental thereto, including any mitigation associated with the Bayou Choupique Project, and any matters authorized by the provisions of LA R.S. 38:301, et seq., on riparian property of CLEGGCO LLC et al., as permitted by the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources and the U.S. Army Corp of Engineers, and as depicted on maps prepared by Miller Engineers and identified on Exhibit “A”, and

**WHEREAS**, the construction and/or maintenance of flood control works and/or levees, levee drainage, and those matters incidental thereto, including any mitigation associated with said project, and any matters authorized by the provisions of LA R.S. 38:301 at seq., will require a permanent levee servitude over certain riparian properties located in Sections 15, 55, 71 and 73, T14S-R9E, St. Mary Parish, Louisiana, Southwestern Land District and adjacent to Bayou Choupique, said servitude being more fully described on the attached Exhibit “A”, and

**WHEREAS**, the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT is authorized by Louisiana Civil Code Article 665 and LA R.S. 38:301 et seq and all other applicable Louisiana Laws, to appropriate a permanent levee servitude over riparian properties for purposes of construction and/or maintenance of flood control works and/or levees, levee drainage, and those matters incidental thereto, including any mitigation associated with said project, and any matters authorized by the provisions of LA R.S. 38:301 et seq., and

**WHEREAS**, it is necessary for construction and/or maintenance of flood control works and/or levees, levee drainage, and those matters incidental thereto, including any mitigation

associated with said project, and any matters authorized by the provisions of LA R.S. 38:301, et seq., for purposes of flood protection to appropriate these properties;

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT Board of Commissioners, in connection with the Bayou Choupique Project, hereby appropriates a permanent levee servitude for all purposes authorized by law including the purpose of construction and/or maintenance of flood control works and/or levees, levee drainage, and those matters incidental thereto, including any mitigation associated with said project and any matters authorized by the provisions of LA R.S. 38:301 et seq, on, under, over, through, and across, the property more fully described on Exhibits "A" and "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, less an except those interests of ownership in certain tracts of land contained within the described servitude area which have been legally acquired by consent and recorded in the St. Mary Parish Clerk of Court's office.

Reid Miller with Miller Engineering reported that the contractors continue to move forward with the Yokely Levee project. Mr. Miller stated within the next thirty days the contractor should be completed with the 8 foot elevation.

Mr. Matte reported they are moving forward on design of the Yokely Levee Extension Project and should be starting the ROW process soon.

Kevin O'Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that his office is compiling the closeout documentation for the Lake End Park and LA 70 portion of the project. Mr. O'Gorman reported the contractors are moving forward with the dress up work on the Justa Street project.

Mr. Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena stated the task order for the 50% design is ongoing. Mr. Pena stated that Phase 1 is the dredging portion of the project. Mr. Pena stated Phase 2-4 will consist of the floodwall, 400' gate, the Avoca Road, and Tabor Canal.

Mr. Pena reported that the ROW coordination is still ongoing and the landowner is reviewing the ROW request on the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena also reported 50% design has been completed and the 95% design has been submitted to LADOTD for their review. Mr. Pena stated that the project could possibly be bid in April.

Mr. Brocato reported 50% of the North Bend Project is completed and no earthwork is being done at this time.

Mr. Matte reported that he with Mr. Hidalgo have attended a meeting with St. Martin Parish regarding potential funding for operations of the Bayou Chene Project.

Mr. Matte reported the repairing of the bank failure on Front Street has been completed. Mr. Matte also reported on the repair work by the USACOE on the Franklin Canal slide has begun. Mr. Matte stated that the rock on the shoreline protection along the GIWW near Cotten Road has been completed. Mr. Matte also reported that SMLD has received total reimbursement of approximately \$5,300,000; this completes the reimbursements from FEMA for the flood fight of 2016.

Mr. Matte reported that he and Mr. Hidalgo met with the Parish President of St. Martin Parish, Chester Cedars, regarding the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD is scheduling a presentation for Assumption and Lafourche Parishes.

Mr. Matte reported that Flood Fighting has begun now that the Mississippi River is currently at an elevation of 13.7'.

Mr. B. Broussard motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the contract in the amount of \$34,000 for repair of the levees at Todd and Northbend. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Gerard Bourgeois reported that the ROW appraisals along Bayou Chene will begin soon. Mr. Bourgeois also stated that the land companies are Avoca Land Co., Continental Land & Fur, and LL&E. Mr. Arceneaux moved to have Mr. Bourgeois' office to begin the appraisals. After a second by A. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Attest:

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Barry A. Broussard, Secretary  
St. Mary Levee District