

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MAY 9, 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, Will Terry, James Vidos, Luther Smith, Alton Broussard, and Barry Broussard absent.

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

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Apr 11 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. A. Broussard’s 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. Scott Nesbit with Avoca LLC asked SMLD for the specifics of the operation plan for the Bayou Chene floodgate.

Mr. Donovan Garcia of Friends of Bayou Teche National Wildlife Refuge reported to the board that an area along the Franklin hiking trail has been holding water for the past year. Mr. Garcia requested permission to bring dirt to fill the area in question.

Mr. Reid Miller with Miller Engineers reported the contractor has begun working on the Bayou Choupique project. Mr. Miller stated that the bid did come in under budget and with those remaining funds they could possibly increase the elevation of the levee from a 7 foot to 8 foot with approval of the State.

Mr. Miller reported that 30% of the Yokely Levee has been upgraded to a +10 elevation. Mr. Miller stated the contractor is within the contract time.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that his office will be submitting 60% design work for the new Morgan City pump station. Mr. O’Gorman stated the contractors seeded and fertilized the Justa Street levee project. Mr. O’Gorman reported that the project is substantially complete and has been submitted along with the final balancing change order.

Mr. Hebert moved to declare the Justa Street portion of the Morgan City Levee Improvement Project substantially complete and to approve the final balancing change order. After a second by Mr. Vidos, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Jeff Pena with APTIM reported his office has received all permits from the USACOE for the Bayou Chene Project. Mr. Pena stated that his office submitted the 95% packet for the dredging which is Phase 1. Mr. Pena also stated that his office submitted the 50% design for Phases 2-4. Mr. Pena reported his office held a meeting with SMLD and CPRA regarding the review of the project; CPRA had some comments which Mr. Pena stated that his office is working on answering them. Mr. Pena mentioned that another meeting with SMLD and CPRA is scheduled later during the month. Mr. Pena reported his office is working with the attorneys on the land acquisitions and right of ways for the project.

Mr. Pena reported the permit extension is still being reviewed by the USACOE and waiting for a signature for the Bayou Teche project. Mr. Pena stated that the ROW coordination is still ongoing. Mr. Pena also reported that the 100% design has been submitted, his office is waiting for the revisions from the SMLD legal advisor.

Mr. Matte reported the North Bend Project is now at 58% completion.

Mr. Matte reported the work crews from the USACOE have returned to work on repairing the wash out area near the Franklin Canal. Mr. Matte stated that he continues to pursue the IGAs with the other parishes for the operation and maintenance cost of the Bayou Chene floodgate. Mr. Matte reported that he recently attended the ALBL meeting which led to a packet being made for the commissioners of the responsibilities that need to be upheld. Mr. Matte also reported that CPRA has added the NFIP fight to their agenda. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD continues efforts to flood fight areas that are needed due to the rising river.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Crappell moved to adopt the 2019 millage resolution of 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

It was moved by Mr. Crappell and seconded by Mr. Arceneaux, that the following Resolution be adopted:

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2019 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT.

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operation	5 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2019, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Alton Broussard, Will Terry, Kenny Arceneaux, J.P. Hebert, William Hidalgo, Norris Crappell, James Vidos, Luther Smith

NAYS:

ABSTAINED:

ABSENT: Barry Broussard

CERTIFICATE

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and exact copy of the resolution adopted at the board meeting held on May 9, 2019, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Mr. Matte reported that he received a public meeting notice from the USACOE regarding the South Central Coast Feasibility Study which will cover any projects west of the Charenton Canal and all of St. Mary Parish. Mr. Matte also reported that SMLD did receive the listing of landowners in the Charenton area from the assessor's office and once SMLD can go through the list of owners that would be affected by the levees a meeting will be scheduled.

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