

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

MARCH 12, 2020
FRANKLIN, LOUISIANA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Kenny Arceneaux, Alton Broussard, Will Terry, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, and with Barry Broussard and James Vidos absent.

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

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 13 regular meeting minutes and the Feb 27 special 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 reported that a resolution of support was sent to CPRA to include the levees of west of Charenton into the Master Plan for 2023.

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported there is a small list of items that need to be completed to close out the Yokely Levee project. Mr. Miller stated that meetings will be scheduled for the land owners along the Yokely Levee Extension Project to discuss the ROWs. Mr. Miller reported the permitting process has begun.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported the contractor went out to remobilize the test pile for the new pump station for the Morgan City Levee improvement project. Mr. O’Gorman stated that once the report is received their office can move forward with procurement of materials.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported that sandbags have been placed and material is being dredged from Bayou Chene and barged down Tabor Canal for levee placement for Phase 1b portion of the Bayou Chene project and the estimated completion in mid-June. Ms. Cutforth reported the Phase 2 portion of the Bayou Chene project was awarded to Sealevel Construction with a notice to proceed estimated at the end of April. Ms. Cutforth stated Phase 3 portion was advertised on Mar 2 with a bid opening for date of April 6. Ms. Cutforth reported 95% design was submitted for Phase 4 portion of the project.

Ms. Cutforth reported the fabrication of the jacket began at the Sealevel facility for the Bayou Teche floodgate. Ms. Cutforth stated the contractor has relocated the supplied 48” piles to their facility for blasting and painting.

Mr. Matte reported the next funding allocation is July 1 for GOMESA funding. Mr. Matte stated that meetings are continuing for the Watershed Initiative.

Mr. Matte reported he attended a meeting with the Assumption Parish Police Jury President to discuss their participation in the operation and maintenance of the Bayou Chene structure. Mr. Matte stated he is in the process of scheduling a meeting with St. Martin and Lafourche Parish to conclude the details of the IGA. Mr. Matte also reported the Carrollton gauge is reading 16.13 at the Mississippi River and the Atchafalaya has crested at 7.1.

Mr. Crappell motioned to approve the Employee Policy Manual with overtime provisions. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize engaging T Baker Smith for assistance in project development for Morgan City Lakeside Project. After a second by Mr. A. Broussard, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported acquisitions of required property interests for Bayou Chene projects are still in process.

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