

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

JANUARY 9, 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, James Vidos, Will Terry, Luther Smith, Barry Broussard, and with J.P. Hebert and Alton Broussard absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Mark Roberts and 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 Dec 12 regular meeting minutes. After a second by Vidos’ 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.

Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that a substantial completion is up for approval by the Town of Baldwin on the Bayou Choupique project.

Mr. Miller also reported that the report of Phase 1 of the Geotechnical study for Yokely Levee extension is waiting for approval.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported that their office and the Drainage District will meet to discuss with the pricing of the construction of the new pump station for the Morgan City Levee improvement project.

Mark Roberts with APTIM reported that a notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor for the Phase 1b portion of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Roberts stated the pre-construction surveying has been completed and equipment is being mobilized to the site. Mr. Roberts reported the Phase 2 portion of the Bayou Chene project advertisement started Jan 7 and the bid opening is scheduled for Feb 10. Mr. Roberts stated Phase 3 portion will go to bid the third quarter of this year.

Mr. Roberts reported the groundbreaking for the Bayou Teche floodgate is scheduled for Jan 29.

Mr. Matte reported that April will be the timeframe for the schedule of GOMESA funding for the year. Mr. Matte stated that he has attended a meeting for the Watershed Initiative regarding Region 5; he stated a contractor has been chosen to run some modeling.

Mr. Matte reported the Northbend Phase B project is 75% complete.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE recently announced that the Mississippi River height is expected to reach over 11’ within the next week or so and is expected to crest just over 12’.

Mr. Terry motioned to accept the 2020 meeting schedule. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to pass a resolution requesting the Watershed Initiative to include flow from the Charenton Canal to the Gulf of Mexico via the Jaws, any changes to the operation of the Teche-Vermillion Watershed Project, and the effects of the influence of the Wax Lake Outlet on drainage in the area west of the Wax Lake Outlet, in their modeling efforts. 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