

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

NOVEMBER 12, 2020
VIA PHONE CONFERENCE

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met via phone conference on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, Luther Smith, J.P. Hebert, Barry Broussard, Daniel Lipari, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux and Will Terry.

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

Mr. Broussard moved to amend the agenda to add an item to new business for a Change Order for the Bayou Teche project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 6 & Oct 30 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Arceneaux second, the motion carried unanimously.

In regards to the Yokely Levee Extension project, Mr. Matte reported the geotechnical work has been completed. Mr. Matte stated they are currently working on stability analysis, seepage analysis and pile load capacities.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported his office received revised cost proposal from CMAR contractor, which was rejected by the Drainage District. Mr. O’Gorman stated the Drainage District authorized his office to finalize the plans and to put the project out for public bid, which is expected to be advertised by the end of the year.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office continues to work on preliminary design submittal which in due next week on the Lakeside project.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported Phase 1B (Dredging) of the Bayou Chene Project is completed. Ms. Cutforth reported Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the project is also still ongoing. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), modules 1 and 2 are being fabricated, with additional modules on the line. Surveying and installation of silt fencing in completed for Phase 4A of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated clearing of ROW has started and they will be working closest to the structure first.

Ms. Cutforth reported bank line riprap installation is underway on the receiving structure for the Bayou Teche Project. Ms. Cutforth stated the contractors have installed and cut the sheet pile wall on the floodwall portion of the project.

Mr. Matte reported the levee inspections were completed on Nov 4 and 5. Mr. Matte stated overall the system graded out well but still have some significant issues including a levee slide on the West Atchafalaya Basin Levee. Mr. Matte reported grass cutting has been behind due to weather, equipment issues, and the local response to the numerous storms.

Mr. Matte that SMLD closed the area around Industry Road near the Charenton Canal again for Hurricane Delta. Mr. Matte stated SMLD had the contractor close the opening in Bayou Teche by driving sheetpile across the opening. Mr. Matte also reported the levee between the Gordy levee reaches on the south side of the GIWW south of Centerville was constructed.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the bid substantial completion for Phase 1B for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection project. After a second by Mr. Broussard, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte introduced the amended budget for 2020 and the proposed budget for 2021.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of Change Order 4 on the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Broussard moved to authorize approval of Change Order 1 for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project Phase 3. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the request for USACE help on raising Gordy Levee reach. After a second by Mr. Broussard the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to declare a State of Emergency for Hurricane Laura. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize approval of Change Order 5 for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Smith the motion passed unanimously.

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

Attest:

Barry A. Broussard, Secretary
St. Mary Levee District