

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
SPECIAL MEETING

FEBRUARY 11, 2021
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, 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; Gerard Bourgeois; Kevin DeZarn, APTIM; 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 Jan 14 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte also presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported 95% of the designs plans for the Yokely Levee Extension project have been complete. Mr. Miller stated that all documents will be delivered to CPRA for review.

Kevin O’Gorman with T. Baker Smith reported next Thursday the final design will be ready to be publicly advertising for bids for the new Morgan City pump station and drainage improvements.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office is continuing with the 95% design of the Lakeside Flood Protection project.

Kevin DeZarn with APTIM reported that Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project is also still ongoing. Mr. DeZarn stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), 9 of the 16 modules have been fabricated and out on the assembly line being connected; three additional modules are being fabricated. Dirt is being transported to the Island and clearing, stacking and burning is underway on borrow canal section for Phase 4A of the project. Mr. DeZarn stated his office has finalized the designs and specifications for the Phase 4B portion of the project and it should be ready to advertise for bid by the end of the month.

Mr. DeZarn reported a substantial completion inspection was conducted on Feb 2 by SMLD, DOTD, APTIM and Sealevel however numerous items were observed, and a punch list is being developed for the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that some of the appraisals have been received for the needed right of ways for the Yokely Levee Extension Project.

Mr. Matte reported SMLD took a group of area Levee officials from Terrebonne and Lafourche Parishes to tour the Bayou Chene construction site and exchanged some operational ideas. Mr. Matte stated last week Col. Murphy and Gen. Holland with the USACOE New Orleans District and the Mississippi River Commission President visited the Bayou Chene site as well.

Mr. W. Bourgeois reported that next meeting a vote is needed for a new treasurer.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the engagement letter for the audit and single audit with Darnall, Sikes, & Frederick. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize designating the Bayou Teche project as substantially completed subject to the approval by DOTD. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the approval of Change Order 3 for Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene project for the addition of automation to the operating controls.

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:

J. P Hebert, Vice President
St. Mary Levee District