

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

NOVEMBER 18, 2021  
FRANKLIN, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met at the Parish Courthouse, Fifth Floor, Franklin on this date with President William Hidalgo, Sr., presiding and the following board members present: Norris Crappell, J.P. Hebert, Daniel Lipari, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso, Will Terry, Mike Ortiz and with Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Kevin DeZarn, APTIM; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Kevin O’Gorman Intracoastal Consultants; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 14 regular monthly and the Oct 27 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte reported that work continues to complete the intergovernmental agreement with the state on the area west of the Charenton Canal to address persistent drainage issues.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that a notice to proceed has been issued to SeaLevel Construction on Nov 2 for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractor is onsite and has begun clearing.

Mr. Matte reported that the design work is progressing on the CPRA alternative for the Lakeside Flood Protection project and the geotechnical engineer was on site Nov 15 to perform two additional soil borings. Mr. Matte also reported T. Baker Smith continues to refine the typical cross-sections for that project. Mr. Matte stated that the Pump Station contractor has started to mobilize to the jobsite on Nov 8. Mr. Matte reported the contractors are currently working on site preparation to install the test pile and plan to install the test pile either Nov 19 or Nov 22 on the Morgan City Pump Station Project.

Mr. Kevin DeZarn reported removal of the old structure sheet pile is complete; the riprap was reused at the new structure on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. DeZarn also reported the 5<sup>th</sup> steel protection dolphin was set in place on the template, 4 support piles were driven to grade and shear lugs welded on, and two 24” storage PDA piles were installed on the Phase 2 portion of the project. Mr. DeZarn reported Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project is nearing completion. Mr. DeZarn also reported Phase 4A of the project is also nearing completion and he expects substantial completion by next month. Mr. DeZarn reported a notice to proceed will be issued shortly to the contractor for the Phase 4B portion of the project.

Mr. DeZarn reported a substantial completion was issued for Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche Project and the ribbon cutting ceremony was earlier today.

Mr. Matte reported that levee inspections with the USACOE and CPRA personnel were conducted on Nov 3 – 4. Mr. Matte stated that overall the condition of the levees was very good and was noted by the inspectors.

Mr. Matte introduced the amended budget for 2021 and the proposed budget for 2022.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize substantial completion for Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize entering into an agreement with Gulf South Pipeline Company for the Yokely Levee Extension Project, contingent on legal approval. After a second by Mr. Hebert 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 carried unanimously.

Attest:

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Kenneth Arceneaux Jr., Secretary/Treasurer  
St. Mary Levee District