

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 10, 2022
MORGAN CITY, LA

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

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Nicole Cutforth; APTIM; Nick Molaison, Miller Engineers; Jason Chauvin, T. Baker Smith; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 13 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Nick Molaison of Miller Engineers reported that contractors are driving the sheet piles for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Molaison stated the utilities are being relocated and the steel pipe piles are being driven at the Gulf Craft facilities. Mr. Molaison also reported levee embankment is still ongoing for the project.

Mr. Jason Chauvin of T. Baker Smith reported his office has received and is reviewing the latest geotechnical analysis based on the new boring information for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Chauvin also reported T. Baker Smith continues to refine the typical cross-sections for that project.

Mr. Chauvin stated that the contractor has ordered the concrete piles for the Morgan City Pump Station Project and is still awaiting delivery. Mr. Chauvin reported the contractors will return to the jobsite March 7.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported a boat pier was constructed on the PS of the receiving structure on the Avoca (North) side on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth stated the contractor has requested substantial completion; a punch list has been developed with numerous items to be completed. Ms. Cutforth reported Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project is nearing completion. Ms. Cutforth reported the contractor is 100% complete with the clearing and grubbing for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated the steel sheet pile for “I” wall onsite awaiting embankment placement to start installation. Ms. Cutforth also reported the E-crane is scheduled to be moved to site Feb 10 and will begin placing the hauled in material.

Mr. Matte reported funding from the Infrastructure Bill and a Disaster Relief Bill have been announced and is expecting the USACOE to address the following projects: Charenton Floodgate replacement, East-West Tie In at Bayou Sale or Gordy Levee, W-124B on the south side of Berwick from the Floodwall to the Fontenot Boat Launch, W-99 in the Verdunville area, and W-121 north of Berwick.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the advertisement for repairs to the Wax Lake East Levee Toe. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize approval of Change Order #11 Phase 3 of Bayou Chene project to storage pile installation days to the contract. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval of a Change Order Phase 4B of the Bayou Chene project for the restoration of the drainage ditch on Avoca subject to the landowner’s approval. 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. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

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