

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

APRIL 8, 2021
MORGAN CITY, 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, 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; Nicole Cutforth and Kevin DeZarn, APTIM; Nickolas Molaison, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Crappell moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 11 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Arceneaux 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. Nickolas Molaison of Miller Engineers reported that his office has received comments from CPRA on the plans for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. and they are working on answering the comments within the next week. Mr. Molaison stated that his office has also received LNO letters for to the pipeline companies.

Mr. Matte reported contractors asked for an extension for accepting bids for the Morgan City pump station.

Mr. O’Gorman reported that his office is continuing with the cost estimates of the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Matte stated the analysis should be received in the next 3 weeks.

Nicole Cutforth with APTIM reported that Cleco is working on a proposal to bring 3 phase power to the site on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth stated construction submittals are ongoing for Phase 3 (Floodgate), 14 of the 16 modules have been fabricated and are out on the assembly line and are being connected; two additional modules are being fabricated. All embankment material is on the Island and the final grading on the borrow canal section for Phase 4A of the project has been completed. Ms. Cutforth stated her office has finalized the designs and specifications for the Phase 4B portion of the project.

Ms. Cutforth reported the vertical J-bulb seal was repaired and the gate was operated to confirm a good seal for the Bayou Teche Project. Ms. Cutforth stated the levee was reseeded earlier this week and is being monitored to ensure germination. Ms. Cutforth also reported the gate ballast piping has been fabricated and painted and SeaLevel is scheduled to be on site to begin installation Monday.

Mr. Matte reported that the Charenton Canal Floodgate replacement is a project of the USACOE.

Mr. Matte stated that the Atchafalaya River stands at 6.2 and the Mississippi River is currently at 14.6. Mr. Matte also stated that some flooding is occurring at the Ohio River however, the Ohio River is now dropping.

Mr. Terry motioned to elect Mr. Kenneth Arceneaux as the Secretary/Treasurer. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the purchase of small equipment for the Bayou Teche Flood Protection project. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for the 2020 audit. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the advertisement of the Yokely Levee Extension project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize the purchase of mitigation credits for the East West Tie In at the Gordy Levee. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to adopt the resolution to appropriate Riparian Land for the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux 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:

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