

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

DECEMBER 9, 2021
MORGAN CITY, LA

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

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

Mr. Ortiz moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 18 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry 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. Matte reported that a grant request has been submitted for the area west of the Charenton Canal to address persistent drainage issues and some data has been collected.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that some of ROW surveys have been completed for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that the contractor cleared the embankments.

Mr. Robert Karam of T. Baker Smith reported that the design work is progressing on the CPRA alternative for the Lakeside Flood Protection project and the geotechnical engineer is currently working on the analysis of the latest boring material and is getting close to finalizing that information. Mr. Karam also reported T. Baker Smith continues to refine the typical cross-sections for that project.

Mr. Karam stated that the contractor has installed the test pile Nov 19 on the Morgan City Pump Station Project and the static test was performed on Dec 6, based on the preliminary results the test has passed. Mr. Karam reported the contractor will order the concrete piles as soon as the results are finalized and are waiting on the sheet pile delivery which is slated to come in by Dec 31.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth of APTIM reported two 24” diameter storage PDA piles were re-struck and data indicated a pile capacity of 209 tons which is approximately 30% over the required design capacity on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth reported Phase 3 (Floodgate) of the project is nearing completion. Ms. Cutforth also reported Phase 4A of the project is also nearing completion and the contractor is continuously working on punch list items. Ms. Cutforth reported the contractor has mobilized to the site and has begun clearing and grubbing for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth stated that all 22 settlement plates have been installed, shaping and grading on the protected side toe of the proposed levee section and stock piling has begun on the portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth also reported Phase 5 of the project will be advertised next with a bid opening on Jan 13.

Ms. Cutforth reported the contractor for the Bayou Teche project has completed all work. Ms. Cutforth stated that a balancing change order will be executed.

Mr. Crappell authorized the above mentioned change order. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Matte reported the USACOE sent a crew to continue to investigate the floodwall leakage in the vicinity of 2nd Street in Morgan City, they will continue to work to develop a plan to address this concern. Mr. Matte stated he attended the ALBL annual conference the past 2 days, some items of interest were the potential of funding from the Infrastructure Bill and other sources coming available in the next few years and funding for MR&T project which might free up some opportunities to address deficiencies along the Federal Levee system within our parish.

Mr. Matte also reported that SMLD will undertake review of the need to insure our recently constructed flood gates and under construction flood gate to protect our investments. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD is also reviewing the eligibility of our non- federal asstes for the USACOE Rehab Program.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2021 and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2022. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to adopt the district's amended budget for FY 2021 and to adopt the FY 2022, which was followed by Mr. Hebert's second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the proposed 2022 meeting schedule. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize approval of the balancing change order on Bayou Chene Phase 4A and placing Phase 4A as substantially complete. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorized approval of Change Order #9 Phase 2 of Bayou Chene project and/or to get three quotes for closure structures on area canals and to waive purchasing policy due to new state bid law amount. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize approval of Change Order #9 Phase 3 of Bayou Chene for walkway mods and JIB crane modifications. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize approval of amending APTIM's contract for administrative services. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize approval for Bayou Chene Amendment #5 for project representation and contract administration for Phases 4B and 5. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, 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