

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

JUNE 10, 2021  
FRANKLIN, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on the 5th Floor at the Courthouse, 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, and with Luther Smith and Mike Ortiz absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, St. Mary Levee District Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; William Bourgeois; Gerard Bourgeois; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 13 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Crappell’s 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. Matte reported Senator Alain’s has agreed to fund a Capital Outlay request to provide state funds to assist us in understanding and addressing the flooding in the area west of the Charenton Canal.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that his office has received the comments back from CPRA for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller also reported that the plans are final. Mr. Miller stated that his office estimates the project will go out for bid mid-July. Mr. Miller also reported Gulf Craft is reviewing the operation criteria of the Yokely Levee Extension Project.

Mr. Matte reported that the design work continues for the Lakeside Flood Protection project. Mr. Matte stated that the cost estimates are still in negotiations for the project with the contractors. Mr. Matte also reported that the review of the bids on the Morgan City Pump Station Project continues as the Drainage District looks to reduce the overall cost of that project.

Mr. Matte reported that the southern steel sheet pile are installed and cut to grade and crews continue working on final cap plate installation on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Mr. Matte stated the northern steel sheet piles are installed and cut to grade; crews are working on final cap plate installation. Mr. Matte also reported the sluice gate package is fully installed. Mr. Matte stated all modules are fully connected and the barge’s steel shell is 100% fabricated on Phase 3 (Floodgate); blasting and painting is underway, 5 tanks are complete. All embankment material is on the Island and the installing of cross-drains, side drains, and canal gates for Phase 4A of the project continues. Mr. Matte stated APTIM’s office is waiting on the approval for the advertisement from CPRA for the Phase 4B portion of the project.

Mr. Matte reported the final inspection was performed on May 21 and all punch items were completed on the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that he has been meeting with the surrounding parishes on the closing criteria of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection project.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a CEA with SMPDD2A for construction of the Levee Reach between the pump station and Hwy 70 and to authorize the assistance with the project including potential for advancing funds to facilitate the project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the approval on Change Order #5 on Phase 2 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the approval of Change Order #4 on Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize to bid out Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche Flood Control project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign a CEA with CPRA for the Yokely Levee Extension project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize a land expropriation for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize a land expropriation for the City of Franklin for the Yokely Bayou Canal State Drainage Project. 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. Mancuso carried unanimously.

Attest:

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