

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

OCTOBER 14, 2021
MORGAN CITY, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met via telephone conference call/ Zoom 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, Luther Smith and Mike Ortiz.

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; Jerry Carroll, CPRA; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Kevin O’Gorman Intracoastal Consultants; and members of the public.

Mr. Terry moved to accept the agenda and the decision to meet via Zoom, which was seconded by Mr. Hebert and carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Sept 9 regular monthly meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert’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 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. Matte stated that CPRA did some soundings in the field but hasn’t yet received any of those results.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported that a preconstruction meeting is scheduled with SeaLevel Construction on Oct 18 for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. Mr. Miller stated that his office is still negotiating the LNO with Boardwalk for the levee crossing their 6” pipeline.

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 continues to work to refine the project typical cross-sections. Mr. Karam stated that the construction schedule on the Morgan City Pump Station Project was affected by equipment damage due to Hurricane Ida; SeaLevel has ordered a new crane and plans to mobilize equipment to the project site in the next two weeks.

Mr. Kevin DeZarn reported a substantial completion inspection was performed on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project; the substantial completion was not recommended. Mr. DeZarn reported blasting and painting of the internal tanks are complete, the electrical conduit installation continues on Phase 3 (Floodgate). The contractor is nearly complete with the installation of the limestone road for Phase 4A of the project. Mr. DeZarn stated that an inspection for substantial completion is scheduled for Oct 18. Mr. DeZarn reported the contractor requested that a substantial completion be awarded for Phase 4A before proceeding with Phase 4B portion of the project.

Mr. DeZarn reported the contractor has completed the dirt work on Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that October 1 was the start of the risk rating 2.0 evaluation for the National Flood Insurance Program. Mr. Matte stated that property owners are receiving quotes under the new rate methodology.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize Change Order #1 to raise the levee for Phase 2 of Bayou Teche. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize valve installation for the winches at the Bayou Teche project. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize purchasing the mitigation for Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Change Order #3 for time extension due to weather on Phase 4A of the Bayou Chene Project. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize Change Order #7 for installation of valves for hydraulic winches on Phase 3 of the Bayou Chene 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. Crappell carried unanimously.

Attest:

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