

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 9, 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; Nicole Cutforth, 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. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Aug 12 regular monthly minutes and Aug 27 special meeting minutes. After a second by Mr. Crappell the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’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 he continues to meet with Facility & Planning to discuss the capital outlay allocation to perform studies & design work on the area west of the Charenton Canal to address persistent drainage issues.

Mr. Reid Miller of Miller Engineers reported his office opened 7 sealed bids on August 26<sup>th</sup> for the Yokely Levee Extension Project with SeaLevel Construction being the lowest bid. Mr. Miller stated that his office would issue a notice to proceed in October with a contract time of 240 days and a completion date of late May 2022. Mr. Miller reported 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 of the CPRA alternative for the Lakeside Flood Protection project and continues to work to refine the project alignment and typical sections. Mr. Karam stated that a notice to proceed is set for September 7<sup>th</sup> with SeaLevel Construction on the Morgan City Pump Station Project; SeaLevel plans to mobilize equipment to the project site in the next two weeks.

Ms. Nicole Cutforth reported that crews began working on the remaining timber fender system installation and all landing piles are driven to grade and only 2 piles require a cap plate to bring them within tolerance on Phase 2 (Floodwall and Receiving Structure) of the Bayou Chene project. Ms. Cutforth reported blasting and painting of the internal tanks is still underway, 10 tanks are now complete, the outside of the barge has been blasted and painted and electrical conduit installation continues on Phase 3 (Floodgate); the 2 wash down station pumps have been installed. The contractor is removing silt fencing and construction debris as they install limestone for Phase 4A of the project. Ms. Cutforth reported the preconstruction meeting was held today with Rigid Construction for the Phase 4B portion of the project. Ms. Cutforth also reported the bid opening was held today for Phase 5 of the project but unfortunately no bids were received.

Ms. Cutforth reported her office initiated the notice to proceed on Aug 16 for Phase 2 of the Bayou Teche Project.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD had minimal impacts from Hurricane Ida; SMLD was able to close all of the flood gates in the parish and working with the parish and Drainage District, the Industrial Road area was closed. Mr. Matte reported that upon opening the Bayou Teche Flood Gate there was a severe failure in the winches on the barge. Mr. Matte stated that

structure in still under warranty the contractor was contacted. Mr. Matte also reported that Mr. Terry and Mr. Hebert were both reappointed for the next 4 years.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize the hiring of Intracoastal Consultants to handle the gas line protection at the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to award SeaLevel Construction the contract for the Yokely Levee Extension Project. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Crappell moved to authorize approval to purchase a mower for the Bayou Teche project and the replacement of a pickup truck. After a second by Mr. Lipari the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the adoption of the resolution of support for the State of Louisiana Capital Outlay request. After a second by Mr. Arceaneaux 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:

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