

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 16, 2023
MORGAN CITY, LA

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

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Jan 19 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte presented the payables report, which Mr. Hebert moved to approve. Following Mr. Mancuso’s second, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported a meeting was held in Franklin to review project progress and to discuss the path forward with project alternative model runs for the levees west of Charenton Canal. Mr. Karam stated FTN is continuing with the modeling effort and plan to have a team meeting to finalize the three modeling runs once FTN has everything calibrated.

Mr. Karam reported his office is continuing to finalize alternative construction pricing for the Lakeside project based on the last meeting with SMPG. Mr. Karam stated that his office also has sent a proposed geotechnical plan to SMPG for review. Mr. Karam reported his office plans to set up another meeting to discuss alternatives in the coming weeks.

Mr. Karam reported that the contractor is currently working on erecting the metal building, drainage excavation, and installing the discharge flume concrete for the Morgan City Pump Station Project and plan to begin moving pump equipment by the third week of March. Mr. Karam stated that the contractor’s completion date is April 30th.

Ms. Nicole Buranzon with APTIM reported final installation of the electrical panels at the Parking Pad has been completed on the new Phase 5 powerline for the Bayou Chene Project. Ms. Buranzon stated after the connection to the existing powerline was established, a full closure of the floodgate under shore power has been conducted. Ms. Buranzon also reported a final substantial completion inspection was conducted on Feb 15th.

Mr. Matte reported that SMLD has been meeting over the past few years with CPRA as they advance the Increase Atchafalaya Flow to Eastern Terrebonne Project (TE-110) and the Port of Morgan City will host a meeting Mar 2 to discuss impacts of this project on our area.

Mr. Matte also reported CPRA has released the State’s Master Plan for 2023.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize substantial completion of Phase 5 for the Bayou Chene project. After Mr. Hebert’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize purchase of equipment for the District’s Tahoe. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize the adoption of Resolution of Respect for Matthew Sevier. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert moved to authorize declaring 3 tires as surplus and to authorize an IGA to authorize its transfer. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Lipari moved to authorize to solicit proposals for grass cutting on Avoca Island and along Tabor Canal. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to expand the agenda to add discussion on the purchase of additional gauges. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize the purchase of the additional gauges. After a second by Mr. Lipari, 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:

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