

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

SEPTEMBER 21, 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, J.P. Hebert, Kenny Arceneaux, Norris Crappell and with Mike Ortiz, Andrew Mancuso, and Luther Smith absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers and members of the public.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the August 17 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert 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. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office has submitted the project report for review for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study. Mr. Karam stated that his office held a meeting with SMLD and the project team to discuss the next steps for this project.

Mr. Karam reported Sealevel was on site to remove the first two pumps for modifications for the Morgan City Pump Station. Mr. Karam also reported the pumps will be transported to Florida to be rebuilt and Sealevel will return to the project site to reinstall the pumps once modifications are complete.

Mr. Brocato reported the gauges have been installed and will be online on the website shortly and 2 additional gauges will be installed within a month. Mr. Brocato stated that the survey has been completed on the Franklin Pump Station and drydocking is not recommended at this time.

Mr. Matte reported that the annual levee inspections are scheduled for Nov 1st & 2nd. Mr. Matte stated that two public meetings are scheduled for September 25th to discuss operations of the Bayou Chene Floodgate. Mr. Matte also reported there was recently a hearing in Federal Court regarding the injunction preventing the utilization of RR2.0 by FEMA as sought by the AG’s office and we await a ruling by the judge in this case. Mr. Matte also reported the funded projects that the USACOE are expected to address, which are W-124 on the south side of Berwick, W-99 in the Verdunville area, and W-121 north of Berwick. The USACE indicates that surveying and soil borings have begun or will begin with the next few months and W121 is expected to be advertised to be advertised in the 3rd quarter of 2025.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Arceneaux carried unanimously.

Attest:

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