

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

January 18, 2024
Franklin, 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, Norris Crappell, Andrew Mancuso, Mike Ortiz, and Kenny Arceneaux.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Dec 21 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell moved to approve. Following Mr. Terry’s second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Jimmy Davis newly elect St. Mary Parish Council Member District VII introduced himself and is looking to work with the SMLD in the future.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is continuing Phase 1 for the West of Charenton Drainage Canal Drainage Study.

Mr. Karam reported the contractor will install the pumps for the Morgan City Pump Station, but it has been delayed to the middle of Feb. Mr. Karam stated that the temporary pumps did well with the past rain event.

Mr. Karam reported there will be a Lakeside Stakeholders meeting held Feb 15 for the Lakeside Project.

Mr. Brocato reported the limestone has been moved off the Calumet area property and a notice to terminate the lease has been given to the landowner.

Mr. Matte reported the low water levels continue to cause issues along the Mississippi River. Mr. Matte stated the Drainage District #1 will be removing the pipe off the Calumet area property.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the engagement letter for the audit and single audit and Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures with Darnall, Sikes, & Frederick. Mr. Ortiz, with a second, carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to amend the 2023 annual administrative contract with APTIM. After a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion was 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