

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

April 18, 2024
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, Norris Crappell, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux and with Andrew Mancuso absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Bill Bourgeois; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Angela Hidalgo and Trey Middleton, TLCD; Henri Boulet, Morganza Action Coalition; and members of the public.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Mar 21 regular monthly 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 was carried unanimously.

Mr. Matte also presented the Statement of Revenues by sources and Summary of Expenditures of the St. Mary Levee District.

Ms. Angela Hidalgo with TLCD and Mr. Henri Boulet delivered a presentation on the projects within Terrebonne Parish related to the Morganza to the Gulf Project update.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported that the surveys are complete on the West of Charenton Drainage Study and his office is working on the report.

Mr. Karam reported a substantial completion has been submitted for the Morgan City Pump Station.

Mr. Brocato reported he is waiting for the Dive Proposal in lieu of drydocking for the Franklin Canal barge. Mr. Brocato stated that a partial closure for the Bayou Chene structure will be scheduled soon and he is still having issues with some of the gauges. Mr. Brocato also reported the inspections of the Wax Lake East Levee System went well. Mr. Brocato also stated that next week he will help with marsh grass planting at Burns Point.

Mr. Matte reported the USACE completed the periodic inspection of the flood walls in Berwick and Morgan City and they plan to conduct other periodic inspections later this year and in future years. Mr. Matte stated SMLD has been asked to issue letters of support for a CPRA funding request for use in implementing the South Central Plan by the USACE which involves implementing some of the non-structural flood protection measures.

Mr. Crappell motioned to authorize the bidding of Morgan City closure on the outfall canal upon completion of cost estimate below public bidding level and an indication that all permitting issues are addressed. With a second by Mr. Terry, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign right of way agreements, IGA with City of Morgan City, and amendment of the IGA with Drainage District No. 2A. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize the transfer of surplus sheet pile to TLCD and authorize signing of an IGA for said transfer, which was seconded by Mr. Ortiz, 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. Arceneaux and was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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