

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

June 20, 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, Mike Ortiz, Kenny Arceneaux, and Andrew Mancuso absent.

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

Mr. Hebert moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 16 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert’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.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office has submitted the final draft of Phase 1 and has also submitted their proposal for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton Drainage Study to SMLD for review and comments. Mr. Karam stated Phase 2 is the modeling phase for the Kelly Canal and Bayou Choupique watersheds and will include conceptual design for proposed levees and water control structures.

Mr. Karam also reported the Earthen Plug project has gone through the joint permitting process with DNR and the USCOE. Mr. Karam stated that SMLD has executed a contract with Cleveland Billiot to construct the Earthen Plug and they have submitted the proctor for the earthen material for review and plans to begin working next week, weather permitting.

Mr. Brocato reported the power has been restored at Bayou Chene. Mr. Brocato stated that everything is good at Bayou Teche and the dive inspection report came back from Franklin Canal with no issues. Mr. Brocato reported that the inspection report was forwarded to CPRA.

Mr. Matte reported the USACE has scheduled the flood fight operations to end today as the Mississippi River at New Orleans continues to fall. Mr. Matte stated that the effects of TS Alberto have caused a rise in coastal areas, otherwise, the Atchafalaya and Mississippi Rivers would already be below the high-water trigger levels.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize additional survey work and coordination on West of Charenton Canal Study. With a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize additional services for supervision of the Morgan City outfall canal closure project. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to accept the final report on the Franklin Canal Structure survey. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, 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 and was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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