

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

July 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso, and Mike Ortiz absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Bill Bourgeois; Nicole Buranzon, APTIM; Nick Molaison, Miller Engineers; Robert Karam, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the June 20 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Crappell 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.

Ms. Alyssa Cart with Darnell, Sikes, & Frederick presented the audit report for the year 2023. Ms. Cart stated an unmodified opinion was issued which is the best possible that can be given. Mr. Arceneaux moved to accept the 2023 audit, which was seconded by Mr. Crappell and carried unanimously.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office has 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 contractors for the Morgan City Earthen Plug project has begun installing earthen material this week.

Mr. Brocato reported some gauges are down and he is currently working to get them back online. Mr. Brocato stated that the parish is currently moving the limestone from Cotten Road to Wax Lake East pump station for levee crown repairs.

Mr. Matte reported the Mississippi River Commission low water reception is scheduled for August 22 and the meeting will be held August 23 at the Port of Morgan City Terminal dock.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize a transfer of \$5,000,000 from the money market account and \$5,000,000 from the capital project account to a CD for one year at Patterson State Bank. With a second by Mr. Crappell, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize to engage a modeler to make recommendations on storm operations for the Bayou Chene structure. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign the CEA with Morganza to Gulf Action Coalition. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, 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