

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

September 19, 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso, Mike Ortiz and Norris Crappell.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Aug 15 regular monthly minutes and the Sept 9 emergency meeting. After a second by Mr. Ortiz, 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.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported FTN has started existing conditions models for both Kelly Canal and Bayou Choupique watersheds on Phase 2 for the West of Charenton and is 90% complete with them.

Mr. Karam also reported that the contractors for the Morgan City Earthen Plug project have made the final lift and have some grading work to finish at the tie in to LA 70 along with seeding and fertilizing. Mr. Karam stated his office should be able to approve a final balancing change order and substantial completion at next month’s meeting.

Mr. Brocato reported he, along with CPRA and USCOE continue the evaluation inspections. Mr. Matte and Mr. Brocato gave a recap of hurricane preparations that were made. Mr. Brocato reported Bayou Teche was closed Monday afternoon and reopened on Friday, Franklin Canal which was reopened the following Monday, Hanson Canal, which was reopened Wednesday evening, and Yellow Bayou were closed by the parish. Mr. Brocato stated Bayou Chene was closed Tuesday morning and reopened on Saturday.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to authorize hiring a tree removal service for the levee system. With a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux motioned to authorize changing the west end meeting location to the West St. Mary Parish Port and Harbor office in Franklin. After a second by Mr. Terry, 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