

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

November 21, 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, Kenny Arceneaux, Andrew Mancuso, Mike Ortiz, Carla Davis, Mike Thomason and with Norris Crappell absent.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Oct 17 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Matte introduced the upcoming budget for the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported a project update meeting was held today for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study to review the existing conditions modeling and to look at the next steps for proposed conditions and conceptual design.

Mr. Karam also reported a meeting with lakefront landowners was held on Oct 30 to review and discuss project alignments and potential design alternatives for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project.

Mr. Brocato reported during inspections levee slides were found and is currently working on options to repair them. Mr. Brocato stated that tree removal project description is being prepared for contract procurement in accordance with FEMA requirements.

Mr. Matte reported that levee inspections were completed on October 29 and 30th. Mr. Matte also reported the Governor’s Tax Reform proposal currently being considered by the State Legislature includes a provision to eliminate the property tax on inventory. The St. Mary Parish Assessor has indicated that if that were to happen, the St. Mary Levee District would lose \$363,000 in annual collections based on current assessments.

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