

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

December 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, Carla Davis, Mike Thomason.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Gerard 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 Nov 21 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion was carried unanimously.

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

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported his office is working on levee alignment alternatives with preliminary mitigation and construction cost estimates for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study. Mr. Karam stated once an alignment is selected, it can be modeled by FTN.

Mr. Karam also reported his office has scheduled a meeting a pre-manufactured floodwall company to discuss potential flood protection solutions for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. Karam stated his office is working on a high level cost estimate to construct this alternative.

Mr. Brocato reported levee debris quotes will be received on Jan 10th and try to award the job the following week.

Mr. Matte reported the major changes to CPRA are no longer anticipated, and the focus now seems to be to provide more assistance by DENR for the levee systems in northern Louisiana. Mr. Matte also reported the ALBL annual conference was held at the beginning of the month with no significant news but we continue to be engaged on the reorganization efforts and the NFIP reform efforts.

Mr. Matte discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to adopt the district’s amended budget for FY 2024, which was followed by Mr. Hebert’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to adopt the district’s FY 2025 budget, which was followed by Ms. Davis’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to adopt the 2025 meeting schedule. After a second by Ms. Davis, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Hidalgo asked for further comments and did not receive any. Mr. Terry moved for adjournment, which was seconded by Mr. Hebert and was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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