

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

April 17, 2025
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, Mike Ortiz, Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Andrew Mancuso, and with Kenny Arceneaux absent.

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

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

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

Mr. Matte also presented the Statement of Revenues by Sources and Summary of Expenditures with comparison to budget of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported Olsson is finalizing the proposed condition model runs for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study. Mr. Karam stated that his office continues working on conceptual design drawings for the proposed levee alignment and closure structures.

Mr. Karam reported his office has received bids for the LA 70 weir project (TE 168) with Gray Construction being the lowest bidder. Mr. Karam stated that his office has submitted an engineering design estimate to complete the 60% design phase for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project and his office plans to start individual landowner meetings within the month to discuss project alignment at each site.

Mr. Brocato reported the Bayou Chene structure was closed without any issues. Mr. Brocato stated the new contractor has started cutting grass on the Tabor Canal.

Mr. Matte reported the USCOE instituted high water inspection protocols this week and the NOAA predictions now call for an Atchafalaya River crest of 7.5’ on April 26. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD will continue to monitor the water levels and impacts of the closure as we progress.

Mr. Mancuso motioned purchasing conference room chairs. After a second by Ms. Davis, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz motioned to issue a Letter of Support for waterfront project along Wax Lake East Levee as required for a 408 permit. After a second by Mr. Terry, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to engage T. Baker Smith to proceed with the preparation of 408 permit application for Bayou Chene closure at Bayou Beouf Locks. After a second by Mr. Hebert, 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. Mancuso and was carried unanimously.

Attest:

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