

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

March 20, 2025  
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, Mike Ortiz, Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, and with Mike Thomason and Andrew Mancuso absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Gerard Bourgeois; William Bourgeois; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers; Graham Denton, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public.

Mr. Terry moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Feb 20 regular monthly minutes. After a second by Ms. Davis, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Ms. Davis 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 with comparison to budget of the St. Mary Levee District.

Mr. Graham Denton with T. Baker Smith reported his office has completed their wetland site assessment for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study. Mr. Denton stated that his office has started the proposed condition models.

Mr. Denton reported his office has solicited 5 local construction contractors to submit pricing for the pump station weir project (TE 168). Mr. Denton stated that his office has submitted an engineering design estimate to complete the 60% design phase for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project.

Mr. Brocato reported the USCOE will perform a formal inspection beginning March 24 in Morgan City and the Bayou Chene inspection will be April 7-9. Mr. Brocato stated that the debris cleaning from Hurricane Francine is finishing up and will be completed in the next two days.

Mr. Matte reported the SMLD continues to work on the recovery projects arising from the effects of Hurricane Francine. Mr. Matte stated the USCOE instituted high water inspection protocols this past month, however the river has returned to a level below their action level.

Mr. Hebert motioned to engage Olsson to model drainage in the Bayou Teche drainage system north of the Bayou Teche Flood Gate. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, 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:

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