

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

May 15, 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, Mike Ortiz, Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Andrew Mancuso, Kenny Arceneaux and J.P. Hebert with absent.

Also present: Tim Matte, Executive Director; Michael Brocato, Operations Manager; Bill Bourgeois; Denton Graham, T. Baker Smith; Phillip Parker, CPRA and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Apr 10, Apr 17 and Apr 30 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. 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. Denton Graham with T. Baker Smith reported Olsson has completed the proposed condition model runs for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study and is finalizing the report. Mr. Graham stated that his office is working to set up a meeting with SMLD to review the results and discuss the proposed levee footprint, flood structures, and potential wetland mitigation projects.

Mr. Graham reported Gray Construction is on site working on weir project (TE 168). Mr. Graham 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. Matte stated that a report has been sent to St. Mary Parish President Sam Jones on the status of TE-168.

Mr. Matte reported development of the CPRA 2029 Master Plan has begun with a meeting of the Coastal Advisory Team. Mr. Matte stated this past month SMLD has attended 2 project briefings on the National Levee Database and the review of the Bayou Chene Flood Protection Project.

Mr. Bourgeois read aloud in full the millage resolution for 5 mills to be adopted. Mr. Hidalgo requested comments from the general public in attendance. There were no comments; therefore Mr. Terry moved to adopt the 2025 millage resolution at 5 mills. Following a second by Mr. Arceneaux and a roll call, the motion carried unanimously.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2025 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT.

MILLAGE

Tax for construction, maintenance and operation	5 mills
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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish of St. Mary, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parish for the year 2025, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

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