

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

June 19, 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, Mike Ortiz, Carla Davis, Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Andrew Mancuso, Kenny Arceneaux and J.P. Hebert.

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

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the May 15 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. Robert Karam with T. Baker Smith reported Olsson it working to run the 25-year storm event and to refine the model based on the project team meeting that was held with SMLD for Phase 2 of the West of Charenton drainage study. Mr. Karam stated that his office is working on conceptual design and section views of the proposed levee system and water control structures.

Mr. Karam reported the weir project (TE 168) is complete. Mr. Karam stated that his office is working with the geotechnical engineer on the proposed floodwall stability design analysis for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project and his office is also working on revising the Walnut Canal weir design plans based on using existing construction materials SMLD has on hand.

Mr. Brocato reported there were no issues opening the Bayou Chene Control Structure.

Mr. Matte reported the Capital Outlay Bill for CPRA contains a request of \$10 million in additional funding for the Lakeside Project. Mr. Matte stated that SMLD continues to pursue funding for this project from a variety of sources. Mr. Matte reported Mr. Hidalgo has met with Chairman Dove and Executive Director Glen Ledet to discuss our planned schedule and upcoming funding needs. Mr. Matte also reported the river elevation is holding and the Atchafalaya is expected to stay above 5’ through the end of the month.

Mr. Mancuso moved to approve the inspection of Pump Station #1 pipe penetrations. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion was carried unanimously.

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:

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