

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

October 16, 2025
Franklin, LA

The St. Mary Levee District (“SMLD”) met on this date with JP Hebert, presiding and the following board members present: Kenny Arceneaux, Mike Thomason, Will Terry, Mike Ortiz, Andrew Mancuso and with William Hidalgo Sr. and Carla Davis absent.

Also present: Michael Brocato, Executive Director; Tucker Manuel, O&M Technician; Tim Matte, CFO, Gerard Bourgeois, Bill Bourgeois; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Sept 18 minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Thomason 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 his office and SMLD met with local farmers affected by the proposed project footprint on Oct 8 to discuss potential project impacts and benefits of the West of Charenton project. Mr. Graham also reported Olsson is continuing to work on Flap gate conceptual runs for design purposes.

Mr. Brocato reported that a site visit to the Charenton Floodgate has been sent out for Oct 20th.

Mr. Graham reported his office has met with Flood Break manufacturers on Sept 29 to kick off design process and provide them with necessary project information for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. Graham stated his office is currently working through the structural and civil engineering design processes, incorporating information gathered from meeting with residents affected by the project. Mr. Graham also reported Walnut Canal weir design plans are 75% complete and the permit has been submitted.

Mr. Brocato reported contractors have started mobilizing today to Pump Station#4. Mr. Brocato stated that two pumps being delivered Monday and another three pumps being delivered in the next few weeks. Mr. Brocato reported that Station #8 is close to being ready to put out for bid and bid documents are still being gathered for Pump Station #9.

Mr. Manuel reported SMPG grass cutters have cut all of the Siracusa levees, Avoca, and will work on Berwick towards the Wax Lake Outlet before levee inspections which are scheduled for Nov 12-13.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to approve making online payments for monthly expenses. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to enter into an IGA with City of Morgan City to supply power for Station #9 and to disconnect and reconnect Station #4 subject to legal review for both parties. After a second by Mr. Terry the motioned was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize Amendment #1 with GIS Engineering for TE168. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize to make an application to the State Bond Commission for approval of the issuance and sale of Bonds and to hire Bond Counsel subject to negotiation with Bond attorney, after a second by Mr. Terry the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to authorize Amendment #1 for Phase II of the Levees West of Charenton Project with T. Baker Smith. After a second by Mr. Terry the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert 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