

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING

December 18, 2025
Morgan City, LA

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

Also present: Michael Brocato, Executive Director; Tucker Manuel, O&M Technician; Tim Matte, CFO, Gerard Bourgeois, Bill Bourgeois; Reid Miller, Miller Engineers, Nicole Buranzon, APTIM, Denton Graham, T. Baker Smith; and members of the public.

Mr. Mancuso moved to dispense with the reading and to approve the Nov 20 minutes. After a second by Mr. Arceneaux, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux presented the payables report, which Mr. Terry moved to approve. Following Mr. Hebert’s second, the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Robert Karam with T Baker Smith reported that the contract for Reach 2 and 3 of the West of Charenton Drainage Area Study has been executed and the project team plans to start work this month. Mr. Karam also reported his office has submitted a proposal for 20% design services which includes survey, Geotech, and preliminary design to support the Environmental Permitting process on Reach 1 of Levees West of Charenton.

Mr. Karam reported his office is continuing to work to 60% design for the floodbreak system for the Lakeside Flood Protection Project. Mr. Graham stated his office is working to have the 60% design complete by March 2026.

Mr. Brocato reported pump motors, gear drives and pumps have been installed at Pump Station#4 for the TE 168 project. Mr. Brocato stated there were some minor alignment issues during testing that are currently being resolved. Mr. Brocato also reported bid opening for Station 9 of TE168 will be held on Jan 9. Mr. Brocato stated the construction package is under final review by the engineering team and the information will be forwarded to CPRA for review by next week. Mr. Brocato reported the review of the needs at Pump Station 8 has begun and CPRA comments have been answered.

Mr. Manuel reported down trees were cut and removed by Gate 18 in Morgan City.

Mr. Brocato reported a permit application has been submitted for the tie-in of the Bayou Chene levee to the Bayou Boeuf lock chamber. Mr. Brocato stated SMLD will be planning to meet with board members to discuss projects in the Master Plan. Mr. Brocato stated that participating agencies and parishes involved, attended a Bayou Chene Operational Advisory Committee meeting and are working through some minor changes to the IGA for the cost shares.

Mr. Brocato discussed the amended budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2025, and the proposed budget for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2026. Mr. Hidalgo invited public comment.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to adopt the district’s amended budget for FY 2025, which was followed by Mr. Arceneaux’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Hebert motioned to adopt the district’s FY 2026 budget, which was followed by Mr. Mancuso’s second, it carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry motioned to adopt the 2026 meeting schedule. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to accept the proposal for 20% design on Reach 1 of Levees West of Charenton Project, after a second by Mr. Arceneaux the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the Admin Assistant online viewing access to the bank accounts. After a second by Mr. Thomason the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Terry moved to authorize the execution of the IGA with Morgan City Harbor and Terminal District for the purchase of two Connex boxes. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Ortiz moved to authorize the signing of the engagement letter for the audit, single audit, and the Statewide Agreed Upon Procedures with Darnall, Sikes, & Frederick. After a second by Mr. Mancuso, 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:

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