

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS  
ST. MARY LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING

January 15, 2026  
Franklin, 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 Carla Davis.

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

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

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

Mr. Brocato 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 that his office has held an official kickoff meeting this week to discuss both the survey scope with Miller Engineers and the continued modeling scope with Olsson for Reach 2 and 3 of the West of Charenton Drainage Area Study. Mr. Karam also reported his office held an official kickoff meeting this week with the entire project team and Miller Engineers will begin surveying for the Reach 1 portion of Levees West of Charenton in February.

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 the contractor has started with the installation of the new pumps at Station 4 of the TE168 project and the equipment bid for Station 9 had to be pushed back one week and will be opened tomorrow.

Mr. Brocato reported the permit for the tie-in of the Bayou Chene levee to the Bayou Boeuf lock chamber has been entered into the 408-review process by the USACE. Mr. Brocato stated USACE is working on giving SMLD a plan on the cracks that were found in the Morgan City portion of the floodwall that were found during an inspection held in 2025. Mr. Brocato reported this would be considered major maintenance which falls on USACE for repairs.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to open a Bayou Chene Operations fund account with Patterson State Bank. After a second by Mr. Mancuso the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso motioned to move forward on the Bayou Teche East drainage project. After a second by Mr. Hebert, the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize to sign the contract subject to approval of the lowest bidder for the Station 9 Equipment bids that will be opened tomorrow, after a second by Ms. Davis the motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Thomason moved to authorize Mr. Hidalgo to sign Task Order 12 with APTIM for the Yokely Levee Removable Floodwall for Saronic. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Mancuso moved to approve Change Order 3 for TE168 Station 4 project. After a second by Mr. Hebert the motion was carried unanimously.

Mr. Arceneaux moved to authorize the installation of Bayou Boeuf gauge site. 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:

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