

**St. Tammany Levee,  
Drainage and Conservation District (STLD CD)  
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: August 21, 2019

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Parish Council Chambers, Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA

**Welcome, Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance**

**Call to Order** – *Chairman DiFranco welcomed members and requested that the secretary call the roll*

**Roll Call** –

*Present: Chairman DiFranco, Vice-Chair Faust, Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner McGovern, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Philippi*

*Absent: Commissioner LaSalle, Commissioner McHugh, Commissioner Ingram-Hunter*

*Quorum was met with 6 members present.*

**Approval of Minutes** –

*It was moved by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Faust to adopt the minutes from the July 17, 2019 STDCD Board meeting. Without objection the minutes were approved unanimously.*

**New Business** –

- A. **Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Study NSI** - *Don Lancaster with NSI presented an update on the coastal master plan. Mr. Lancaster stated that NSI has submitted the project sheets that show the current projects and the recently constructed projects which are in all of St. Tammany Parish. NSI resubmitted the corrections requested by the Parish and NSI is currently waiting for the Parish to review and make any additional comments on those project fact sheets. NSI has submitted the modeling GAP Analysis report to the Levee District and St. Tammany Parish Government. NSI have received comments back from St. Tammany Parish on the modeling GAP Analysis report. NSI's sub-consultant has addressed those comments and if more comments are need they will be address and that report will be resubmitted to the Parish. Currently NSI is working on producing all of the GAP Analysis mapping. A meeting with St. Tammany Parish Government has been scheduled for September 6, 2019 at 1:30 p.m. to review the mapping. Once the Levee Board and St. Tammany Parish Government are in agreement with what NSI is doing in the GAP Analysis, another meeting with be scheduled with all the stakeholders, including CPRA. NSI has met with DDG (Duplantis Design Group) which is a consulting firm that works with drainage projects and marsh creation projects for*

*St. Tammany Parish Government. NSI has received updated information regarding drainage improvements and marsh creation projects within St. Tammany Parish. The executive committee will be at the meeting with the Parish on September 6, 2019. Vice-Chairman asked Mr. Lancaster if the Parish would have the ability to have a ye or nay on preceding of projects as a whole. Mr. Lancaster responded that NSI has not gotten to the point to recommend project alternatives to either the Board or to the Parish. Mr. Lancaster, also stated that as NSI completes the GAP Analysis that is when they will begin recommending projects and there will be suggesting projects as a result of the GAP. There has been no discussions as to how that vetting process will take place. Mr. Daniel Bobeck with LHJ (Linfield, Hunter & Junis, Inc.) confirmed receipt of that portion of Task II of the modeling GAP Analysis and they are currently reviewing that data.*

- B. Update on storm surge modeling for East STP –** *Chairman DiFranco recognized Vice-Chairman Faust to open the discussion for the update. Vice-Chairman Faust asked Mr. Don Lancaster with NSI to come back up to the podium to discuss the progress meeting with the Levee Board, NSI, CPRA and St. Tammany Parish Government. Vice-Chairman Faust informed the members what was discussed at the meeting. Commissioner Faust specifically raised the question as to who was going to generate the model since it was deferred to the Parish. Commissioner Faust’s stated that “unfortunately, it will fall in the Parish’s hands and he does not want to see an answer from the Parish that it is cost prohibited or that they just don’t want to do it”. Mr. Lancaster reminded the Board, that this was brought up at the meeting attended by Commissioner Faust the desire by the Levee District to model the No Levee conditions. Mr. Lancaster stated that NSI would need from the Parish a ‘scope of work’ request to do that modeling and NSI would also have to give the Parish a fee to do that ‘scope of work’. Mr. Lancaster also stated that NSI would need to address the gaps in the model before they did the modeling. Chairman DiFranco also stated that, there is a gap in that area and CPRA has looked at some alternatives/options for that area, “When we get to the point of selecting projects to go to feasibility, we will have to have that model”. Chairman DiFranco reminded members that the Levee District can vote and pass a resolution asking the Parish to request NSI provide a ‘scope of work’ the “No-Levee” model. Commissioner Faust mentioned that he has been holding off on requesting a resolution until he knows the position of the Parish.*

**C. Treasurer’s Report –**

*Commissioner Krieger reported that the July 31, 2019 reflected \$49,999.50. There are two outstanding checks which are reflected on the balance sheet provided to each member. The first outstanding check in the amount of \$3,120.00 is to LHJ (Linfield, Hunter & Junis, Inc.) and the second outstanding check in the amount of \$450.00 is to Duplantier, Hrapmann, Hogan and Maher LLP. With no questions, a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Faust, without objection the motion carried.*

**September Meeting Date Announcement –**

*The next meeting of the Levee Board will be on Wednesday, September 18, 2019 in the Parish Council Chambers located at 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA at 6:00 p.m. and was approved by the Board.*

**Public Comment:**

*Chairman DiFranco opened the floor for public comments. Several members of the public asked questions of the Board and also made comments to the Board.*

**Adjournment –**

*Chairman DiFranco asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner McGovern moved that the Board meeting stand adjourn, seconded by Commissioner Faust. Without objection the meeting was adjourned.*