



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

Date: August 19, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Slidell City Auditorium, 2056 2nd Street, Slidell LA 70458

Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence –

Chair Krieger welcomed members, called the meeting to order, initiated the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call –

Members present: Suzanne Krieger, John Faust, Cody Bruhl, Henry DiFranco, Daniel McGovern, Gary Mills, and Philip Valent. A quorum was met with 7 members present.

Swearing in of the New Board Members –

The following members were sworn in by the Honorable Warren Montgomery, District Attorney for the 22nd Judicial District Court: Suzanne Krieger, John Faust, Cody Bruhl, Henry DiFranco, Daniel McGovern, Gary Mills, and Philip Valent.

Update on Old Business

A. *Update on Louisiana Watershed Initiative* – Round 1 Funding

Mr. Glenn Ledet updated the board that the State is still working with the Department of HUD to execute an agreement. Until that agreement is executed, we have to wait for that to occur before any movement forward can take place with regards to the funding of these projects. Included in the preliminary applications is the NSI/Levee Board East Slidell Ring Levee – segments 6 & 7 (between Lakeshore and Kingspoint ring levees) – this project was found eligible for funding in the first round and will be competing for the \$100 Million of the \$1.2 Billion dollar total funds. The St. Tammany Parish Watershed Initiative committee has been meeting and will continue to meet. The next meeting is scheduled to meet at the end of August.

B. *Update on Tidal Gauge Request*

Mr. Thompson updated the board that he has been working the phones and has made contact with someone at the USGS board to request that they send the necessary forms and steps needed in requesting the additional tidal gauge. Commissioner Krieger sent the requested email and thank Mr. Thompson for picking up the ball on behalf of the Levee Board. As soon as she is in receipt of a response, she will notify the board and Mr. Thompson.

Public Comments/Questions - There were no comments or questions made on this item.

New Business

A. Slidell Levee System – East Segments Task Order with CPRA

Mr. Glenn Ledet update the Board on the Coastal Study stakeholder meetings that have been held throughout the parish. Commissioner Krieger commented that it is necessary to meet with different communities to find out what are their concerns and their needs. In an effort to seek input we have been able to educate our citizens as to what is being studied, proposed and why it takes some time to complete a project. CPRA and STP have approved the proposed Task Order. Commissioner DiFranco moved that the board accept the proposed CPRA Task Order, Commissioner Mills seconded the motion. There being no objections the motion was approved unanimously.

B. St. Tammany Coastal Study – Phase III Contract Amendment

This is the phase that moves into the feasibility analysis. The priorities are structural protection, and risk reduction projects. The first to move forward are the projects in Slidell. NSI is proposing to do a full conceptual engineering and design including but not limited to the conceptual planning of the pump stations, review of existing geotechnical information, structural alternatives development, and environmental analysis.. Looking at that process for the west Slidell system, the Eden Isle system and the Central system. The other step in this process would be to start looking at property surveys for the existing levees in place in Slidell. Commissioner DiFranco asked Mr. Don Lancaster to give the Board an approximate amount of funds that have been spent on this project so far. Mr. Lancaster stated that approximately \$160,000 will go to the surveys and the abstract work on the existing levees and the rest of the monies will go to the Feasibility and Conceptual Engineering for the Flood Risk Reduction Systems in the Slidell and Eden Isle area. Commissioner DiFranco moved that the Task III contact amendment be approved, seconded by Commissioner Bruhl. There being no objections, the motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions - There were no comments made on this item.

Treasurer's Report –

Commissioner Krieger moved that the Treasurer's report be moved to the September meeting, without objection the motion was adopted.

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner DiFranco submitted the minutes to the Board. Commissioner McGovern moved that the July 15, 2020 minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Mills. Without objection minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments – There were no comments made on this item.

Board Meeting Schedule –

Due to a conflict with the Slidell City Auditorium, Commissioner Mills moved that the October meeting be moved to either October 20 or 21, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Slidell City Auditorium, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. Without objection the motion was adopted.

The next Board meeting will be September 16, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Parish Council Chambers located at 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA.

Public Comments – *Representative Mary DuBuisson and Representative Bob Owen thanked the members of the Board for their service and offered any assistance that the Board may need at the State level.*

Adjournment–

A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Faust to adjourn, there being no objections the meeting was adjourned.