

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

Date: June 19, 2019

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Parish Council Chambers, Towers Building, 520 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 Krieger and seconded by Commissioner Faust to adopt the minutes from the May 15, 2019 STDCD Board meeting. Without objection the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business –

- A. **Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Study** - *Don Lancaster with NSI presented an update on the coastal master plan. He indicated the model reports have been started and NSI should have a completed draft report to be given to the Board and the Parish in the following weeks. Mr. Lancaster suggested to the Board that sometime in July a workshop be scheduled with the Board and the Parish to review the projects.*
- B. **Update on Levee District Engineers Review - LHJ** – *Mr. Daniel Bobeck with LHJ reported that they have finished their review and have some minor additional comments for the letter that will be sent to the Board in the next few days. Chairman DiFranco confirmed that they are in receipt of the CPRA report.*
- C. **Discussion regarding the June 4th meeting with CPRA and St. Tammany Parish** – *Chairman DiFranco briefed the Board on the meeting with CPRA, the Parish and the Levee Board executive members. He reminded the Board that CPRA was asked to do a little more work on the proposed protection alignments for the Eden Isles, Clipper Estates and East area of the parish. CPRA presented a preliminary report (that will be made available on the STLDCD website) to include their cost estimates for levee protection alignment segments. CPRA's cost estimates range from \$128 million to \$305 million depending on the level of protection and other cases of higher protection and scenarios. Chairman DiFranco stressed that this report is conceptual and will*

give the Board a head start for the lower southeastern area of the parish, but maintaining that the Board will continue to review the whole coastal area of the parish in which it represents. Commissioner Faust emphasized to the audience that there is a difference between conceptual and reality. He asked the attendees to please review the report while understanding that several conceptual ideas are included, however, reality along with cost benefits factors will have to be considered when choosing a project.

- D. **Discussion regarding storm surge modeling for East STP** –In a follow up to the March meeting with Senator Hewitt, CPRA and St. Tammany Parish Government, Commissioner Faust mentioned that Senator Hewitt wanted to see storm surge modeling for the Eden Isles area which included the areas with and without the levees from the CPRA. Commissioner Faust is asking the Board to consider funding the storm surge modeling for east St. Tammany Parish with the \$9,000,000.00 appropriated through CPRA. He would like include three avenues to be reviewed, they are 1) surge heightening increase, 2) the surge in the area and 3) the structural damages in the debris area. Chairman DiFranco confirmed with the consultants present that they are in receipt of the CPRA models and have the availability to run any type of modeling.

Treasurer's Report –

Commissioner Krieger reported that the beginning balance as of May 31, 2019 was \$41,987.74. New transactions included parish reimbursements deposits and credits in the amount of \$8,011.76 giving the ending balance of \$49,999.50. 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.

July Meeting Date Announcement –

The next meeting of the Levee Board will be on Wednesday, July 17, 2019 in the Parish Council Chambers located at the Parish Administration Complex, 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.

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.