



St. Tammany Levee,  
Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD)  
Board Meeting Minutes  
Meeting Date: October 20, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Slidell City Auditorium, Slidell, LA

Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Silent Prayer –

Chairman Krieger welcomed members, called the meeting to order, initiated the Pledge of Allegiance and requested a moment of silent prayer.

Roll Call –

Chairman Krieger commenced the roll call.

Present: 8 Commissioners Present

Absent: 1 absent – Gary Mills

Quorum was met with 8 members present - 1 member absent.

### **Updates on Old Business –**

#### **A. Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 1 Funding –**

*Glen Ledet with NSI gave an update. First round of funding from HUD to the LA Office of Community Development is 100 million. Neel- Schaffer (NSI) worked with St Tammany Parish and the Levee District to submit a pre-application for flood protection work in the parish, which was found to be eligible to compete for funding in Round 1. The next step is to work with the Parish and Levee District to put together an application for flood protection work. The application will be evaluated later in the year to determine if a grant will be awarded. HUD has approved the agreement with the state and has an application deadline of January 22, 2021.*

#### **B. Status of Slidell Levee System (East Segments Task Order with CPRA)**

*Glen Ledet with NSI gave update. The notice to proceed (NTP) was issued by CPRA to NSI in September and a kickoff meeting was held September 24<sup>th</sup>. This scope of work includes property ownership research, obtaining right of entry on property to obtain geotechnical engineering borings and will include alignment and basis of design feasibility. This work is for the Lakeshore to Kingspoint and Kingspoint to Hwy 190. Gap analysis showed 2 gaps in structural protection on the east side of the Slidell Ring Levee: a gap between Lakeshore Estates and Kingspoint and a gap between Kingspoint and Highway 190. Prior to the Gap Analysis, CPRA allocated GOMESA funds to implement interim protection for these areas. The goal is to work in conjunction with CPRA to achieve this protection.*

#### **C. St. Tammany Coastal Study**

Glen Ledet with NSI gave the update. The Phase III (Task III) authorization (amendment to the original agreement with STPG) is in its final version and will proceed for Parish President's signature:

The following provides a background on the status of the Project:

- Task I Data Collection and organization of flood control data completed in 2019.
- Task II – Gap Analysis evaluating gaps in flood protection and flood risk mitigation was completed in February 2020.
- Task III – The study is progressing into the final phase which will analyze project feasibility and the engineering of individual projects as well as initiate SCOPE development.
- As part of the final phase of Task II, Neel-Schaffer has initiated outreach engagement with coastal stakeholders by meeting with the parish, state, USACE and others and will continue to do so.

**D. Hydro Gage Implementation Request – Eden Isle**

*The STLDCD received a proposal to install a tidal gage with significant initial and annual maintenance costs. The proposal was taken under advisement and Chairman Krieger indicated that she would discuss this with the Parish and also ask CPRA if they would participate in the cost and/or cost sharing.*

**E. Public Comment**

*Ms. Bonnie Peyroux made comments regarding the length of time it will take for additional structural projects to be approved and ready for construction. It was expressed by the STLDCD that we have made great progress and will have additional answers once the USACE finalizes their Federal Interest Study.*

**New Business –**

**A. Update on Stakeholder Meetings**

*Chairman Krieger updated the STLDCD on recent meetings with STPG, STLDCD, various municipalities, CPRA and USACE. Progress is continuing on all efforts State and Local Master Plans and with the USACE STP Study. New information presented is that the Parish is requesting approval to raise funds by bonding their annual GOMESA revenue projection.*

**B 2020 Capital Outlay Request**

*Glen Ledet with NSI said that he is working with the Parish to determine projects that they will put applications together for and then submit them to the State. Highlighted projects include; Eden Isle Roads – Hwy 11 was discussed along with the Tchefuncte River shoreline restoration.*

**C. Public Comment**

*None*

**Treasure’s Report –**

*Commissioner Price presented the previous month’s financial report. Motion (Krieger) and Second (Faust) made to approve/accept the financial report. Vote was Unanimous approval.  
No public comments made*

**Approval of Minutes –**

*Commissioner DiFranco presented the minutes from the September meeting for review and approval. Motion made (McGovern) and Seconded (Faust) to approve the minutes – motion passed unanimously.*

**Board Meeting Schedule –**

*The next Board meeting will be Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 6:00 PM at Koop Drive, Parish Council Chambers, Mandeville, LA*

**Next Meeting Date, Nov 18 –**

*Chairman Krieger said the tentative date for the next STLDCD meeting is November 18 at the Koop Drive Council Chambers*

**Public Comments –**

*Dr. Owen made a presentation regarding previous studies regarding the Rigolets Closure Structure and coordinating the efforts with our State of Mississippi partners. He also expressed concern of negative impacts to areas that are not included in the Parish's current Coastal Master Plan. NSI expressed that surrounding impacts will be analyzed. At a previous meeting, Mr. Thompson offered the suggestion to ask the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to include St. Tammany Parish in the USACE's HSDRRS \$3.2 billion funding request to Congress. It was expressed from Rep Scalise's office that no decision would be made until the USACE completes the currently funded Federal Interest Study effort.*

**Adjournment–**

*A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Price to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously.*