

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

Date: October 16, 2019
Time: 6:00 P.M.
Location: Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA

Welcome, Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order – *Vice-Chairman Faust welcomed members and requested that the secretary call the roll*

Roll Call –

Present: Vice-Chair Faust, Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner McGovern, Commissioner McHugh, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Philippi
Absent: *Chairman DiFranco, Commissioner Ingram-Hunter, Commissioner LaSalle*
Quorum was met with 6 members present - 3 members absent.
Calling in from Congressman Scalise congressional office – Claire Trokey, Legislative Director

Approval of Minutes –

It was moved by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Philippi to adopt the minutes from the September 18, 2019 STDCD Board meeting. Without objection the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business –

- A. **Message from Chairman DiFranco** - Commission Krieger read a statement from Chairman DiFranco apologizing for his inability to be at tonight’s meeting. “Fellow board members and audience, please accept my sincere apology for not being able to make it to the meeting tonight. I have explained what happened to our website Commissioner Price and a few others. I attempted to resolve the issue and I’m currently seeing if the Parish can assist in resolving it, we will get it resolved one way or another. Also, on the issue of our authority, I am one-hundred percent clear on what our current authority is and the ultimate completion of the masterplan will eventually define our role with respect to jurisdictional authority of the coastal endeavors. The explanation is too lengthy to explain by this text, but anyone that is unclear can please call me and I will gladly discuss and attempt to explain it. Thank you all for everything, and I hope to talk to everyone soon. – Henry DiFranco, Chairman.”

- B. **Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Study NSI** – *Barry Brupbacher with NSI and Glenn Ledet, Jr., Coastal Science Engineer for NSI presented the status update. Currently a resubmittal of plans by*

NSI to the Parish are still under review. A modeling review of all coastal modeling has also been submitted to the Parish. The GAP analysis is continuing to be developed along with the project analysis for the next phase. NSI is projecting to have the GAP analysis to the Board for review. Mr. Ledet, formerly with CPRA, gave brief introduction of himself. Commissioner Faust asked if he could briefly inform the Commission an explanation of the Watershed Initiative by DOTD. A public hearing by the LA Watershed Initiative will take place Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Council Chambers located at the St. Tammany Parish Government Administrative Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA 70471.

- C. **Update on storm surge modeling for East STP** – *Commissioner Faust mentioned to Mr. Ledet and the Board that he spoke to Don Lancaster regarding the Slidell Ring Levee and suggested it was a prudent idea to see what exactly would occur with the Slidell Ring Levee and how it effects that area, which includes Oak Harbor, Eden Iles, and the surrounding areas. Commissioner Faust stated that an answer to these questions prior to moving forward. Mr. Ledet stated that NSI is in the process of scheduling a meeting with CPRA to look at the work done on the TASK 2 data GAP analysis to see if any of the modeling efforts can be leveraged for modeling efforts that they might be doing which would be a cost savings measure. Commissioner McDaniel emphasized that the modeling has to be done so that we are not in a “MRGO” situation.*

- D. **Update on STLDCD Website Issue** – *Commission Krieger spoke regarding the website stating that the subscription to the levee board website domain has expired. He is currently seeking assistance from the Parish to see if they might be able to help.*

- E. **STLDCD Funding (off the floor)** - *Commissioner Faust also mentioned at this time that he contacted Sen. Sharon Hewitt to look into the Levee District having some type of dedicated recurring revenue stream, be it from a state agency, a millage or a tax. This annual revenue stream would allow for the Levee Board District to function independently. He stated that he believe in theory Sen. Hewitt agrees with him and stated that she would start looking for state funding for the Levee District. This funding is for operational expenses only and will not be used capital projects by the Levee District. Commissioner Faust will report back to the Board at the next scheduled meeting with any updates he has received.*

- F. **Treasurer’s Report** – *Commissioner Krieger reported that the August 31, 2019 balance reflected \$38,428.80. One check cleared in the amount of \$550.00 to the CPA firm. The ending balance of \$37,878.80 as of September 30, 2019. There are two outstanding checks to LHJ (Linfield, Hunter & Junis, Inc.), the first in the amount of \$2,160.00 and the second outstanding check in the amount of \$1,364.66. With the two outstanding checks it leaves a current balance of \$34,354.14. With no questions, a motion to accept the Treasurer’s report was made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Price, without objection the motion carried.*

September Meeting Date Announcement –

The next meeting of the Levee Board will be on Wednesday, November 20, 2019 in the Parish Council Chambers located at the Parish Council Chambers, 21940 Koop Drive, Mandeville at 6:00 p.m. and was approved by the Board.

Public Comment:

Several members of the public spoke. It was requested to the Board that, Commissioner Krieger's suggestion to educate the members of the audience and community regarding funding opportunities, please be implemented.

Adjournment –

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