



St. Tammany Levee, Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD)
Board Meeting Minutes
Meeting Date: December 16, 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 – Steve Price

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

Updates on Old Business

A. Louisiana Watershed Initiative Round 1 Funding –

Glenn Ledet with NSI gave an update.

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

Glenn Ledet with NSI gave update.

C. St. Tammany Coastal Study

Glenn Ledet with NSI gave the update. Mr. Ledet provided any update on the flood reduction alignments and features that will be evaluated in the phase of work.

- *Existing Levee ROW, Easements & Ownership – Mr. Johnny Bordelon with JV Burkes*

D. Tidal Gauge

Mr. Thomas Thompson has contact CPRA and received confirmation that the Tidal Gauge request will be put forth provided that the Levee Board provide a statement of justification to CPRA for them.

E. STLDCD Web Site

Commissioner DiFranco explained that a former Commissioner still has the Levee Board domain in her name, so he will work with her to transfer the ownership to the Levee Board. The good news is that the website is up and running and has been updated. He also mentioned that the Board may want to consider the purchase of the '.org' and '.gov' domains in addition to the current domain for the Levee website which is '.com'.

F. Public Comments - None

New Business

A. Coastal LA Levee Consortium Meeting Report

Commissioner John Faust reported that the Coastal LA Levee Consortium will meet more this year than they have in prior years. The top three issues that the Consortium would like to address is the unfunded levee boards, like STLDCD. Legislation for the upcoming session is being considered to address this funding issue, which would be very beneficial for the STLDCD. Another issue was with regards to the Watershed Initiatives funding. Also discussed was the GOMESA funding – there are issues regarding the consistency of the off-shore drilling and the revenues if the drilling slows.

B. Stakeholder Meetings

No meetings took place.

C. Committee Assignments

Commissioner Krieger asked the members to look at a subcommittee list and think about possible areas that the each member would like to serve as the Board goes forward with the upcoming projects. Members and let Chairman Krieger know via email. Commissioner DiFranco reminded the members that the executive committee will be elected in January or February.

OFF THE FLOOR ITEM –In accordance with R.S. 42:19(cc) Commissioner McGovern moved to take up the following item, seconded by Commissioner Faust. With a unanimous vote the Board took up the following item which was not previous posted on the agenda –

D. Fourth Amendment to the CEA with St. Tammany Parish Government

Cooperative Endeavor Agreement is made and entered into effective as of November 6, 2020 by and between the St. Tammany Parish Government and the St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District. A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Faust to approve the amendment to the cooperative endeavor agreement. The vote was unanimously approved.

E. Public Comments - None

Treasure's Report

Commissioner Krieger presented the previous month's financial report. November financial reports show the beginning balance of \$28,022.56. Check to DHHM in the amount of \$500.00 and cleared. The ending

balance for November is \$27,522.56. A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Mills to approve/accept the financial report. The vote was unanimously approved.

Approval of Minutes

Commissioner DiFranco presented the minutes from the November meeting for review and approval. A motion was made by Commissioner Mills to approve the minutes and seconded by Commissioner Bruhl. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Board Meeting Schedule

Commissioner Krieger presented the 2021 Board Meeting Schedule to the members. A motion was made by Commissioner Mills to approve the meeting schedule for 2021 and seconded by Commissioner Valent. The motion passed unanimously. There were no public comments.

Adjournment

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