

**ST. TAMMANY LEVEE,  
DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT  
(STLD CD) BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**DATE:** August 15, 2018

**TIME:** 6:00 P.M.

**LOCATION:** Towers Building, 520 Old Spanish Trail, Slidell, Louisiana

**AGENDA**

- I. Welcome – Call to Order - Mr. DiFranco Calls the Meeting to order for a moment of silent prayer and the pledge at 6:04pm**
- II. Roll Call - Mrs. Costanza calls roll, Mr. LaSalle, Mr. McHugh, Mr. McGovern are absent. Six members present and three members absent.**
- III. Approval of Minutes from July 18, 2018 - Motion to approve by Mr. Faust and seconded by Mrs. Ingram-Hunter**
- IV. Old Business**
  - A. Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Study (DiFranco)

The STLD CD is in the beginning stages of developing the engineering portion of the study. The consultants are on board. Mr. DiFranco asked the consultant to provide an update on comments that Mr. Tommy Thompson brought up regarding analysis conducted by other agencies. Barry Brubacher with Neel Schaeffer explained that they have started work and have been collecting data for approximately a month. They have created a GIS database. They are ensuring consistency with the parish data and are coordinating those efforts. JV Burkes has started soliciting information in Slidell. NS has also had the geotechnical consultant begin gathering geotechnical data for the parish that they may have access to. Mr. Brubacher also discussed the modeling efforts, but these efforts are preliminary in nature. They have identified which items that are in the model are which ones aren't. NS says that integrating existing topographic features is very important as we embark on the second phase of the project.

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Mr. DiFranco also explained that we have also been working on efforts to bring on LHJ, the STLDCD board engineer, to have a third party review on behalf of the board.

Mr. Tommy Thompson asked if it would be appropriate for him to discuss the Corps' model. He stated that his concern was with the Corps model not addressing the 'outflow' of the storm surge. Mr. Brubacher said that it was his understanding that the outflow was included in the modeling efforts that the Corps modeled to discuss the impacts of with and without HSDRRS, but the south Slidell levee alignment was not included in the model topography.

A gentleman from the audience asked to clarify the vicinity of the St. Tammany Coastal Master Plan and Mr. DiFranco explained that this study is meant to cover parish line to parish line.

A gentleman from the audience asked what the schedule for Task 1. Task 1 should have draft documents ready in November. In this document, there will be a determination of which existing features need additional information. Mr. Brubacher further explained that this may include levee heights for inclusion in the model.

Mr. DiFranco discussed that they may need to start Task 2 to begin data collection once this information is available.

A member from the audience asked if the Rigolets structure would be included. Mr. DiFranco answered by saying that he hoped that we would look at the with and without this infrastructure and what the benefits would be.

Mr. DiFranco explained that the funding is coming from the STP. STP recognized the need for a comprehensive study. The request was granted to redirect the 2 million from completing the engineering and design for levees in East St. Tammany. The STLDCD is a part of this effort under a three way agreement between STP, STLDCD and CPRA.

Mr. DiFranco reiterated that the STLDCD does not have revenue and the revenue that is available is from the STP and the CPRA under the CEA. He also stated that we do not own any assets and do not have any recurring revenue. Mr. DiFranco stated that the efforts of this plan may determine the direction of the STP and STLDCD of who is going to operate and maintain drainage or coastal infrastructure.

- I. Treasurer's Report - Mrs. Krieger reported a balance of \$44,101.67. When the CPA reported the balance sheet, she did not realize that there was a check written for \$1,000.00. This check for \$1,000.00 has cleared. A check for the St. Tammany Farmer was returned, but Mrs. Krieger resent and this check has cleared. Motion to approve by Ms. Tara Ingram-Hunter and seconded by Mr. Faust. Approved.
  
- II. **September Meeting Date Approval** - Motion to move the meeting date to September 25th on Tuesday at 6pm Koop Drive made by Mrs. Krieger. Seconded by Mr. Phillippi.

- I. **Public Comment** - Mr. Rick Franzo read a statement on behalf of the Concerned Citizens of St. Tammany (CCST). Mr. Franzo received a phone call from Mr. Kort Hutchison stating that he found himself in continued conflict with non-transparency of the STLDCD. Mr. Franzo stated that he found Mr. Hutchison to be a man of unwavering integrity. Mr. Franzo thanked the board for their efforts. Mr. Franzo said that the CCST will continued to be involved to ensure transparency and to ensure the best use of tax payer dollars. Mr. Franzo provided the official letter to provide an official public records request from the board members of the STLDCD.

Ms. Bonnie Peroux asked about the source of the information that is compiled in the report. Mr. Brubacher explained that we have to compile information on the existing efforts to understand what is needed for the future. Mr. Brubacher further explained that we will still have to determine which models are appropriate that can be used to understand which proposed projects will reduce flooding. Mr. DiFranco explained that we will likely need federal funding in order to provide 100 year protection. We plan to have a USACE representative at a subsequent meeting to discuss the Corps program.

- II. Mr. DiFranco introduced our new Legal Advisor. Mrs. XX is with the District Attorney's legal department. She is located at Koop Drive.

- III. **Adjourn - Motion by Ms. Krieger and seconded by Ms. Ingram-Hunter. Approved.**