

**St. Tammany Levee, Drainage, and Conservation District Board Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 20, 2015 - 6:00 pm**

**Towers Building-Fifth Floor-Slidell, Louisiana**

- I. Rykert Toledano, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll call by Beth Warren, STP CAO Office. Present: Faust, Fitzpatrick, DiFranco, Toledano, Sandoz, Hutchison, Phillippi, McGovern. Absent: LaSalle.
- III. Motion to approve April 15, 2015 minutes made by Hutchison, seconded by Sandoz. Unanimously approved.
- IV. Discussion of proposed annual operating budget prepared by prepared by Budget Work Group (Hutchison, DiFranco, Sandoz). A suggestion was made to add \$200,000 for Goal 1 fulfillment to the \$59,565 operating budget presented by the Budget Work Group. McGovern moved to adopt the proposed working budget as amended and subject to funding. Seconded by Phillippi. Unanimously approved.
- V. Discussion of goals and strategic planning. McGovern moved to adopt Goal 1-Draft 2 as amended, seconded by Faust. Unanimously approved.
- VI. Discussion of STLDCD identification badges for Board members requested by McGovern. CAO Gina Campo indicated the Parish will look into providing badges to the Board members.
- VII. Report by Fitzpatrick, Hutchison, and McGovern on the Bayou Bonfouca marsh tour held on May 6, 2015 and discussion of the Christmas tree project in the marsh. CAO Campo suggested that the STLDCD become a partner in this project.

- VIII. Discussion of CEA between the Parish and STLDCD which states that the Parish may provide grant funds and other administrative support to STLDCD. Sandoz moved to adopt, seconded by Hutchison. Unanimously approved.
- IX. Discussion of Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium 2015 Report. Fitzpatrick and the Technical Research Committee will provide comments to the Board at the June meeting.
- X. Discussion of Library Research. Toledano requested that Faust head a work group in conjunction with the Community Outreach Committee.
- XI. Discussion of the Senate confirmation of STLDCD Board members which is scheduled for June 11, 2015.
- XII. Motion to adjourn made by McGovern, seconded by Sandoz. Unanimously approved.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.