

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

**Wednesday, April 19th, 2017 6:00 pm**

**Koop Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana**

- I. Henry DiFranco, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Moment of silent prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call by Katelyn Costanza, STLDCD Board Secretary. Present: Hutchison, DiFranco, McGovern, Ingram-Hunter, Costanza, McHugh, Phillippi, Faust. (2) Mr. LaSalle and Mr. Faust absent.
- III. Motion to approve corrected February 15th, 2017 minutes made by Hutchison, seconded by Phillippi. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- IV. Update on Comp. Coastal Protection Study (DiFranco): Approval to execute the IGA. Update on process - Final draft documents between STLDCD, STP and CPRA. STP is seeking authorization at next STP council meeting. Once approved, STP will route through legal department for approval. Received and addressed comments from STLDCD. Any comments from the STLDCD? Motion by Hutchison to approve documents. Second Ms. Tara Ingram Hunter **Motion Passed.**
- V. Update on Legal Representation: Since last meeting in Feb, discussions have occurred with our Attorney and honoring the hourly rate. Mr. Berringer is currently out of the country, but Mr. DiFranco has not received any indication that he would not serve. If he is requesting an increase, then he needs to provide something in writing to Mr. DiFranco.

Mr. Hutchison is disappointed in the attorney because he should have known what to charge. Mr. DiFranco will continue communicating with Mr. Berringer. (DiFranco).

- VI. Update on the STLDCD SOW for Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. A consultant has been selected and we are working on a SOW and enter into an agreement to perform work and provide input and oversight into the STP coastal master plan. We would like to have an agreement signed and executed by June. (DiFranco).
- VII. Presentation by Mr. Pelloat on Tchefuncte River Area Marsh Creation Project.
- VIII. Treasurer Report - Mr. Hutchison has emailed everyone the budget and expenditures since February. Cash on hand including the 100,000 is 142,651.12. This is a category of all disbursements. McGovern motion to approve treasurer report. Mr. Phillippi seconds. All approve. Discussion of March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 meeting date at Towers Building in Slidell.  
(Hutchison)
- IX. House Bill 529. Fiscal Note Worksheet. House Bill 529 is a constitutional amendment. Levee Districts can levy up to 5 mils. This must be approved by a majority of the population. Statewide election to be held October 14, 2017 if the proposed makes it out of committee. Mr. Hutchison contacted the tax assessor, Mr. Fitzmorris, to determine what that would entail for STLDCD. Approximately 6 million annual budget would be available if this millage was passed.
- X. Approval of May 17th meeting date in Koop Dr in Mandeville.
- XI. Public comment: None.
- XII. Motion to adjourn made by McGovern, seconded by Hutchison. Unanimously approved.

**Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 6:34 pm.