



**ST. TAMMANY LEVEE,
DRAINAGE AND CONSERVATION DISTRICT
MILITARY ROAD COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, December 12, 2023
6:00 P.M.**



**Levee Board Building
61134 N Military Road, Slidell, LA**

MINUTES

Meeting called to order. Around 20 in attendance. Personal ID and neighborhoods identified.

Previous meeting minutes were reviewed. Comments taken of the Doubloon Bayou/French Branch drainage system as discussed. The five (5) breakout groups were reviewed: Levee/barrier system; Fritchie Marsh Restoration; Hwy 90/190 surge barrier; Rigolets surge barrier, and home elevation.

A tour of the same drainage system is offered by Cajun Encounters Swamp Tours on 01/05/2024 at 8 am., to last around 3 hours, and will be followed by a West Pearl River boat tour (1-2 hours) to review river sedimentation, potential use of dredge materials in Fritchie Marsh restoration, and inspection of Salt Bayou if navigable/weather permitting. The bus tour will also encompass the Rigolets, Fritchie Marsh, and Chef Pass. Projects affecting those landmarks will be discussed. Cost of the tour is \$75/hour for the bus (\$225) and \$10/person for the boat tour. 19 person tour is offered. Dr. Owen will narrate the history of flooding of the Pearl/Doubloon system from river flooding/storm surge/ and rain events.

A format for the working groups was presented:
Outline of potential mitigation
Stakeholder positions (benefit vs harmed by mitigation)
Current status of Project
Prior Studies/Construction
Organizations necessary for design study
Organizations necessary for design and construction
Funding entities (actual and theoretical)

Dr. Owen presented his research into the Fritchie Marsh restoration over the last 30 days using the above format with materials discovered and personal contacts reviewed.

Each breakout project was then brought up for discussion and volunteers:
Levee/Barrier system: no volunteers. Discussion centered on potential alignments, benefit and harm potential to those within a barrier system and those outside.

Fritchie Marsh: Volunteers: Terry Smith; Neil Van De Voorde; Steve Moore; Gary Gambel; Stan Owen (commissioner), Spaff Goodnow (STP engineering);

Rigolets Surge barrier: discussion revolved around the current Metropolitan Task Force committee, previous CPRA 2017 study finding both Rigolets barrier projects feasible (Hwy 90 and CSX railroad). Volunteers: Neil Van De Voorde; Craig Dooley, PE; Jeff Corbin (Councilman district 13); Stan Owen (commissioner).

Hwy 90/190 elevation/surfer barrier. Discussed general principles of surge barrier and construction of new bridges across the Pearl Basin. Volunteers: none

Home Elevation/Structure Mitigation

Presentation made by Rod Scott, President of the Structural Flood Mitigation Industry, detailing scope of work, necessary parish endorsements, and potential individual funding options. Suggests that many homes in the Military Road area may qualify for home elevation with strong financial incentives.

Volunteers: Jenny and Jim Jones; Jeff Corbin; Robert Broome; Walt Cleighton; Rod Scott

Stanford Owen MD; Commissioner, STLDCD, December 13, 2024