

**St. Tammany Levee,
Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD)
Board Meeting Minutes**

Date: April 17, 2019

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Parish Council Chambers, Towers Building, 520 Spanish Trail, Slidell, LA

Welcome, Silent Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance

Call to Order – *Chairman DiFranco welcomed members and requested that the secretary call the roll*

Roll Call –

Present: Chairman DiFranco, Vice-Chair Faust, Commissioner Krieger, Commissioner McGovern, Commissioner Price, Commissioner Ingram-Hunter, Commissioner Philippi

Absent: Commissioner LaSalle, Commissioner McHugh

Quorum was met with 7 members present.

Approval of Minutes –

It was moved by Commissioner Krieger and seconded by Commissioner Faust to adopt the minutes from the March 13, 2019 STDCD Board meeting. Without objection the minutes were approved unanimously.

New Business –

- A. **Presentation by Archbishop Hannan High School's Science NHS** – *Chairman DiFranco introduced the Science National Honor Society members to the Commissioners. Katlyn Danwall, President of the Archbishop Hannan High School's Science Nation Honor Society team and Kay Richards, Vice-President, presented the conclusions from their study on coastal erosion in Lake Pontchartrain. Their research involved the investigation of the depletion of the protective sand berm system along the northern shoreline of Lake Pontchartrain which was performed by taking samples starting at Bayou Liberty near Slidell and ending at the mouth of Tchefuncte River in Madisonville. The goal: find out "Why" it was happening and "What" they can do to help correct erosion loss on the northwest coastline of the Lake! The results of their study have shown that the western area of the parish is eroding and should be included in the CPRA Masterplan. Commissioner Kreiger asked that they submit their study to the Board. Commissioner McGovern moved to include the study by the Archbishop Hannan High School Science National Honor Society in the Board's official study, seconded by Commissioner Faust. With no objection the motion carried unanimously. Questions were then asked by the audience regarding future studies, President Danwall responded the group will continue to study the coastal issues of our area and pursue funding sources for those studies. Commissioner Hunter suggested a potential funding source and will provide that information to Mr. Steve Shepard, faculty advisor.*

B. Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Study -

Chairman DiFranco asked Neil Shaffer's consultant to please give the Board a status update to the Board members. The Chairman provided that the NSI has begun its gathering of information for Task 2. They are also in the process of revising and addressing comments on Task 1. It was reported that in the previous week the NSI consultants met with representatives from CPRA to discuss the modeling data information that they currently possess. NSI obtained that model to determine what updates are needed. NSI is also currently working on comments to Task 1 addressing additional projects and is receiving additional assistance from the parish to gather this data. NSI reported that CPRA indicated that they want to be involved in every step of the process by reviewing model results, participating in the stakeholder meetings to discuss the levees, and staying very engaged. Chairman DiFranco at this time informed the Board that the contract with Winfield, Hunter and Julius has been signed. Their first task will be to getting up to speed as to where we are in the process of our deliverables, and to review the IGA scope of work, the Task 1 comments and all other aspects. NSI will make all of the findings available to the Board members Chairman DiFranco asked Mr. Daniel Bobeck with WH&J to the podium to please introduced himself to the Board.

C. ALBL Annual Workshop - *Chairman DiFranco reminded members that the on May 2nd & 3rd is in Baton Rouge. He asked those members who have yet to confirm their attendance to please do so by the end of the week.*

D. *Chairman DiFranco reminded members that their Annual Financial Disclosures are Due May 15, 2019 details can be found on the La. Department of Ethics - <http://ethics.la.gov>*

Treasurer's Report –

Commissioner Krieger reported that there were no check or outstanding payments to report so the balance remains the same \$42, 932.74. Commissioner Krieger has prepared all the reimbursement documents totaling \$8,011.70 and will be submitting that to the Parish later this week. With no questions, a motion to accept the Treasurer's report was made by Commissioner McGovern, seconded by Commissioner Philippi, without objection the motion carried.

May Meeting Date Announcement –

The next meeting of the Levee Board will be on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 in the Parish Council Chambers located at the Parish Administration Complex, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA at 6:00 p.m.

Public Comment:

Chairman DiFranco opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Tom Thompson reported to the Board that he was in receipt of an email from the CORP admitting that their 1965 model was wrong and that they will be re-running the model. Chairman DiFranco thanked Mr. Thompson for sharing his email with the Board. Commissioner Faust also thanked Mr. Thompson for complying the information to provide the CORP to receive this news.

Adjournment –

Chairman DiFranco asked for a motion to adjourn, Commissioner Krieger moved that the Board meeting stand adjourn, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. Without objection the meeting was adjourned.