

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

Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 6:00 pm

Koop Drive Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, Louisiana 70471

- 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, LaSalle. (1) Faust absent.
- III. Motion to approve corrected November 16, 2016 minutes made by LaSalle, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- IV. Selection of Engineer to represent the STLDCD as the District's Engineer: The firm selected to represent the STLDCD as the Board's Consulting Engineering Firm is Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. Mr. DiFranco suggested that a workgroup be established to communicate with the consulting engineer which would consist of the following board members: DiFranco, Costanza, Hutchison and Phillippi. Motion to create workgroup to work with the engineering firm by Hutchison seconded by LaSalle. **Motion passed.**
- V. LaSalle made a motion to select Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. and consider three firms that were not selected be considered as priority for selection of additional potential projects. Motion by LaSalle, seconded by McHugh. **Motion passed.**
- VI. Update on Comprehensive STP Coastal Reconnaissance Study – Received comments from CPRA and the Executive Committee will meet to address those comments from CPRA.

- VII. Insurance coverage update (DiFranco). DiFranco submitted for proposals. Legal has reviewed and provided recommendations and comments. Insurance proposals have expired. Motion to acquire insurance similar to those provided previously that will not exceed \$5,000 by Hutchison. McGovern suggested that it be explicitly stated that, while on official business, board members shall be covered by insurance. Hutchison accepts amended motion. Motion to amended motion by Hutchison, seconded by McGovern. Original motion for ceiling coverage of \$5,000 by Hutchison, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- VIII. Election of 2017 Officers. DiFranco made a recommendation to keep existing officers in place throughout the 2017 calendar year. Motion to approve by Hutchison, seconded by LaSalle. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- IX. 2017 Meeting Dates and Locations (DiFranco) 2017 Meeting dates are located on newly created website www.stldcd.com.
- X. Overview of CPRA 2017 Master Plan (DiFranco). Link to Draft Master Plan is located on STLDCD website.
- XI. Treasurer Report - (Hutchison) Hutchison provided spreadsheet with STLDCD balance to board members. Hutchison provided per diem request to board members. Motion to accept Treasurer's Report by McGovern, seconded by Phillippi. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- XII. Discussion of February 15th, 2017 meeting date at Towers Building in Slidell.
- XIII. Public comment: Mr. Joel Tillery with Duplantis Design Group. State is pursuing Constitutional Amendment for levee boards created after Katrina receive 5 mills.

McGovern asked for Mr. Tillery to clarify if this was indeed a Constitutional Amendment or new legislation. Mr. Tillery said that he wasn't sure of the process, but the intent was there to provide additional levee boards with funding based on a white paper that he read.

XIV. Motion to adjourn made by Hutchison, seconded by McHugh. Unanimously approved.

Motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.