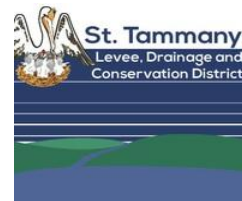




St. Tammany Levee,
Drainage and Conservation District (STLDCD)
Board Meeting Minutes



Date: September 16, 2020

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Location: Parish Council Chambers, 21490 Koop Drive, Mandeville, LA

Welcome, Call to Order, Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence –

Chair Krieger welcomed members, called the meeting to order, initiated the Pledge of Allegiance and asked for a moment of silence.

Roll Call –

Members present: Suzanne Krieger, John Faust, Cody Bruhl, Henry DiFranco, Daniel McGovern, Gary Mills, and Philip Valent. Members absent: Steve Price

A quorum was met with 7 members present.

Update on Old Business

A. Update on Louisiana Watershed Initiative – Round 1 Funding

Mr. Glenn Ledet updated the board that the State is still working with the Department of HUD to execute an agreement. Until that agreement is executed, we have to wait for that to occur before any movement forward can take place with regards to the funding of these projects. The Region 7 Watershed Initiative Steering Committee has been meeting and will continue to meet.

B. Slidell Levee System (East segments Task Order with CPRA) –

Mr. Glenn Ledet updated the board regarding the Lakeshore Estates and Kingspoint and Hwy. 190 that authority was given by CPRA to move forward on the first task to do the conceptual engineering and finalization of the alignment. CPRA sent a notice to proceed to Neel-Schaffer. A kick-off meeting is currently being scheduled with CPRA.

C. St. Tammany Coastal Study (Phase III Contract Amendment) –

Mr. Glenn Ledet updated the board on the contract amendment status. Currently the Parish is processing the contract amendment and Neel-Schaffer expects to receive the notice to proceed within the coming weeks. Randy Pausina, with St. Tammany Parish Government, confirmed the contract is moving very quickly through the process and should be return in the next couple of weeks for your signatures. Commissioner McGovern asked Mr. Ledet if it is possible to build the floodgate on Eden Isles, Oak Harbor and the Clippers first to stop the surge. Mr. Ledet said that the engineers can evaluate this and get back to the Board.

Public Comments/Questions –

It was brought to the attention of the Board to please define the Oak Harbor area so that everyone knows all the areas that are included. Ms. Bonnie Peyroux also requested that the Board include Highway 11 in their evaluations.

New Business

- A. Update on Coastal Louisiana Levee Consortium Meeting – John Faust
The consortium plans to propose a constitutional amendment and present it to the state legislature to have all levee boards funded. Currently, there are about 5 levee boards that were created without a revenue source. Prior to 2004 levee boards were funded by constitutional law with a 5mils revenue source. After Katrina language was added to the statute that if a levee board wanted to increase or create a revenue source it had to go before a vote of the people. The executive board of the Consortium will continue to discussions regarding the creations of funding sources for current and future flood control projects. A few sources discussed were GOMESA; State mineral revenues, grants, B.P. Oil spill funds, and federal funding. Also discussed were the Flood Insurance issues (NFIP) as well as the effects they could have on the development of levee systems.
- B. Update on Stakeholder Meetings
Commissioner Krieger updated the Board on the Stakeholder meetings that have taken place around the parish. As to date approximately 62 meetings have occurred. Commissioner Krieger is in the process of starting conversations with Cary Menard, with the District Attorney's office and Assessor Louis Fitzmorris' office with regards to starting the process to put a mileage on the ballot. It is Commissioner Krieger's plan to start a committee to review all avenues for funding.
- C. HSDRRS Presentation
Mr. Tommy Thompson presented a PowerPoint presentation regarding federal funding for Flood Protection in St. Tammany Parish. Mr. Thompson stated the decision from the USACE will not come down until January 2021. That is the first in a three step process. It will take another two years for funding and then approximately three to five years to design and construct. Mr. Thompson offered the suggestion to ask the Louisiana Congressional Delegation to include St. Tammany Parish in the USACE's HSDRRS \$3.2 billion funding request to Congress. Commissioner Faust moved that Neel-Schaffer engineers review and study the impact from the information that Mr. Thompson presented and assist the Levee District in providing information to USACE to incorporate it into the current USACE study underway. The motion was seconded by Commissioner McGovern, there being no objections the motion passed unanimously.

Public Comments/Questions – Several members of the public expressed their concerns regarding the USACE and the time frame for the construction of the protection projects. Rustin Legendre representing Congressman Steve Scalise will bring these concerns to the congressman's staff in D.C.

Treasurer's Report –

Commissioner Krieger updated the Board on the STLDCD Treasurer's Report. July beginning balance: \$31,115.51, with one check written to Lindfield, Hunter, and Junis o the amount of \$360.00. The ending balance for July is \$30,755.51. August beginning balance of \$30,755.51 with no

transactions left the ending balance of \$30,755.51. The Affidavit and Revenue Certification for the District's Financial Statement year-end (06/30/2020) has been submitted to the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's Office. The District budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 is being developed and will be ready for the October Board meeting. The District funding request to St. Tammany Parish Government will be submitted before the October Board meeting. Commissioner Faust moved that the July Treasurer's report be approved, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. Without objection the July Treasurer's report was approved unanimously. Commissioner Mills moved that the August Treasurer's report be approved, seconded by Commissioner McGovern. Without objection the August Treasurer's report was approved unanimously.

Approval of Minutes –

Commissioner DiFranco submitted the minutes to the Board for their approval. Commissioner Faust moved that the August 19, 2020 minutes be approved, seconded by Commissioner Mills. Without objection the minutes were approved unanimously.

Public Comments – There were no comments made on this item.

Board Meeting Schedule –

The next Board meeting will be TUESDAY, October 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m. at the Slidell City Auditorium, located at 2056 2nd Street, Slidell, LA.

Public Comments –

There being no public comments

Adjournment–

A motion was made by Commissioner McGovern and seconded by Commissioner Mills to adjourn, there being no objections the meeting was adjourned.