

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

**Wednesday, June 15, 2016 6:00 pm**

**Koop Drive Council Chambers- Mandeville, Louisiana**

- I. Henry DiFranco, in accordance with the STLDCD bylaws, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. DiFranco asked for a moment of silence in honor of Orlando shooting victims, Board member John Faust, and Plaquemines Parish President Amos Cormier.
- II. Roll call by Beth Warren, STP CAO Office. Present: Hutchison, Phillippi, DiFranco, McGovern, LaSalle, Ingram-Hunter, Costanza. Absent: Faust, McHugh.
- III. Motion to approve February 17, 2016 minutes made by McGovern, seconded by LaSalle. Unanimously approved, two absent. **Motion passed.**
- IV. Introduction of new Board members, Tara Ingram-Hunter and Katelyn Costanza (Kelly McHugh absent).
- V. **NEW BUSINESS:**
  - A. Status of STLDCD insurance proposals. Daniel McGovern introduced John Church, Willis Insurance Co., to discuss insurance coverage proposals. Mr. Church's largest client is Terrebonne Parish Consolidated Government, contact is Dana Ortego. Mr. Church inquired as whether STLDCD has assumed liability for any levees, DiFranco's opinion is that STLDCD has not assumed that liability. Church will get quotes to present to the Board. LaSalle asked CAO Gina Campo what coverage limits Parish Council holds, Parish will supply that information to the Board.

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Discussion regarding Consulting Engineer RFQ. DiFranco informed the Board that the review process is complete and a list of firms achieving the minimum score of 75 points has been compiled. Review committee selected three firms for a short list. Executive officers will likely be elected at July meeting and then Engineering Committee will make a presentation to the Executive Committee first then to the full Board to select one firm to represent the Board as STLDCD's consulting engineer.
- B. Discussion regarding the CPRA funded Coastal Zone Reconnaissance Study scope of work. Gina Campo, CAO, informed the Board that the draft scope of work will be circulated to the Board next week unless Parish receives comments/questions that need to be addressed. Hutchison informed the Board that he presented at CPRA Board meeting earlier in the morning in Slidell and that Secretary Bradberry asked Hutchison to focus on the Southeast Coastal Zone Feasibility Study in the Reconnaissance Study. CAO Campo said there is no particular project included or called out in the recon study. Hutchison asks if the IGA will be amended to reflect STLDCD as a party. CAO Campo says CPRA wants to see the draft scope of work for the recon study first.
- Public comment about East St. Tammany Surge Protection Project: Thomas Thompson. Thompson says a local HOA member met with Secretary Bradberry and Jason Lanclos on June 6. Thompson says Bradberry and Lanclos said the focus of the study should be on area encompassed in East St. Tammany Storm Surge area in South Slidell around levees. DiFranco stated that every vulnerable area in the St. Tammany Coastal Zone will be studied.

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

- A. Hutchison presented the FY 2016 proposed amended budget and the FY 2017 proposed budget. STLDCD budget year now runs July 1-June 30 per STLDCD by-law amendment. DiFranco asks Board to review budget over the next month so the Board can adopt the FY 2017 operating budget at the July meeting.
- B. LaSalle gave an update on the status of the Board's legal representation. LaSalle informed the Board that he spoke with Warren Montgomery, St. Tammany Parish District Attorney, who said he would approve the Board hiring outside counsel. LaSalle contacted Patrick Berrigan who is interested in the position. LaSalle has a sample resolution from the DA's office. McGovern says he has a problem with entering into an agreement with Berrigan on an hourly basis, McGovern suggest asking if Berrigan will work for a fixed fee instead of an hourly rate. Discussion about how to procure legal services for the Board. Hutchison suggests that McGovern lead the search for a Board attorney, McGovern requested that Board members submit names to him for review.
- C. Discussion regarding GNOinc letter of support regarding GOMESA and BP Oil Spill funds. LaSalle spoke with Michael Hecht, but had nothing to report.

VIII. Discussion of next meeting date which is scheduled for July 20, 2016 in Slidell at which Executive Committee elections will take place.

IX. Motion to adjourn made by McGovern, seconded by LaSalle. Unanimously approved, two absent. **Motion passed.** Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.