

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

Wednesday, August 17, 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. Moment of silent prayer and Pledge of Allegiance.
- II. Roll call by Renee Roberts, STP Legislative Liaison. Present: Hutchison, Phillippi, DiFranco, McGovern, LaSalle, Ingram-Hunter, Costanza, Faust, McHugh. None absent.
- III. Motion to approve June 15, 2016 minutes made by Hutchison, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- IV. Motion to move election of officers to top of the agenda made by LaSalle, seconded by Phillippi. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**
- V. Election of officers:
 - Chairman: McGovern nominated Hutchison, LaSalle nominated DiFranco. Votes for Hutchison: Hutchison, McGovern, Faust (3). Votes for DiFranco: Phillippi, Costanza, McHugh, DiFranco, Ingram-Hunter, LaSalle (6). **DiFranco elected Chairman.**
 - Vice Chairman: Hutchison nominated McGovern, DiFranco nominated McHugh. Votes for McGovern: Faust, Hutchison, Ingram-Hunter, McGovern (4). Votes for McHugh: Costanza, DiFranco, LaSalle, McHugh, Phillippi (5). **McHugh elected Vice Chairman.**
 - Secretary: LaSalle nominated Costanza. Votes in favor of Costanza: McHugh, Phillippi, McGovern, DiFranco, Costanza, LaSalle, Ingram-Hunter, Faust, Hutchison (9). **Costanza elected Secretary.**

- Treasurer: McGovern nominated Hutchison. Votes for Hutchison: McHugh, Phillippi, McGovern, DiFranco, Costanza, LaSalle, Hutchison, Ingram-Hunter, Faust
- (9). **Hutchison elected Treasurer.**

VI. **OLD BUSINESS:**

- A. Status of Engineering RFQ- DiFranco. No further update from June. Next month's meeting will have an agenda item on the approval of the pool of engineering candidates and short list of firms to present to the full Board.
- B. Status of STP and STLDCD Coastal Zone Recon Study Draft Scope of Work and Resolution in support-DiFranco. STP and CPRA are seeking a Resolution to move forward. Motion to approve Resolution in support made by Ingram-Hunter, seconded by LaSalle. Hutchison offered revisions to the Resolution and Scope of Work. Motion to change second "whereas" in the Resolution to include changes proposed by Hutchison, seconded by McGovern. **Motion passed** 6 yeas to three nays. Motion to adopt Resolution and Scope of Work as amended made by McGovern, seconded by Ingram-Hunter. **Motion passed.** Unanimously approved.
- C. Status of STLDCD insurance coverage-McGovern. Church's management fee is \$15,000 for one year. Board decided to get additional proposals for insurance coverage.
- D. Status of STLDCD legal representation-McGovern. Quotes from Owen Bordelon, Patrick Berrigan, Edward Rapier. Motion to hire Berrigan made by LaSalle. Hutchison suggested the decision should be made by Executive Committee. LaSalle withdrew motion. Executive Committee will meet with proposed candidates and make a recommendation.

E. Accounting Policies and Procedures-Hutchison. Motion to approve made by McGovern, seconded by Phillippi. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

F. Motion to approve revised by-laws made by Hutchison, seconded by Ingram-Hunter. Unanimously approved. **Motion passed.**

VII. **NEW BUSINESS:**

A. Discussion regarding establishment of a policy for the approval and expenditure of public funds-DiFranco.

B. Report on the August 5, 2016 ALBL meeting-Hutchison.

C. STLDCD annual budget review-Hutchison. DiFranco asks board members to review the budget which needs to be approved at the next meeting. CEA between STLDCD and STP expires November 5, 2016.

D. *Per diem* expense form discussion-Hutchison.

VIII. Next meeting: Wednesday, 9/21/16 at 6:00 pm at Towers Building in Slidell.

IX. Public comment: State Sen. Sharon Hewitt offered words of support to the Board.

X. Motion to adjourn made by McGovern, seconded by Hutchison. Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.