

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

**Wednesday, March 18, 2015 - 6:00 pm**

**Council Chambers-Towers Building, Fifth Floor-Slidell, Louisiana**

- I. Rykert Toledano, Interim Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll call by Beth Warren, STP CAO Office- Present: Fitzpatrick, DiFranco, Faust, Toledano, Sandoz, Hutchison, Phillippi, McGovern. Absent: LaSalle.
- III. Interim Chairman Toledano noted adoption of the by-laws which took place at the February 18, 2015 regular meeting.
- IV. DiFranco moved to adopt the minutes from the February 18, 2015 meeting, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved.
- V. Interim Chairman Toledano discussed the proposed facilities tour. Members agreed to conduct the tour on April 15, 2015 in the afternoon, prior to the next regularly scheduled STLDCD meeting. The Board agreed to prepare an agenda of facilities the Board would like to visit. DiFranco volunteered to serve as Board videographer for the tour.
- VI. Interim Vice Chairman Sandoz discussed the Strategic Planning work group. Sandoz updated the Board on his March 10, 2015 presentation to the Eden Isles HOA. Sandoz reported that the Strategic Planning work group (DiFranco, Phillippi, Hutchison, Sandoz) met on March 11, 2015. Sandoz suggested possible adoption of the draft Goal Statement at the next scheduled meeting, and asked for member comments on the draft Goal Statement.

- VII. Karlin Riles, St. Tammany Assistant D.A., discussed the requirements of the terms of a CEA between the STLDCD and the Parish. Interim Chairman Toledano indicated he has been communicating with acting STLDCD Counsel Terry Hand on the terms of the CEA. Hutchison recommended executing separate CEAs for administrative assistance, legal assistance, and engineering assistance.
- VIII. Interim Chairman Toledano discussed his February 27, 2015 letter to acting STLDCD Counsel Terry Hand wherein Toledano sought advice on the provision in the STLDCD by-laws regarding votes by the Board on revenue generating actions.
- IX. Discussion of Executive Order 13690. Motion to adopt a Resolution opposing Executive Order 13690 made by Hutchison, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved. The Board members agreed to provide GNO, Inc. with the Resolution in opposition.
- X. Interim Vice Chairman Sandoz discussed the Communications work group and his discussions with Ronnie Simpson, St. Tammany Parish Public Information Officer. The Board now has a link on the stpgov.org website.
- XI. Dr. John Lopez, Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, gave a presentation to the Board on the Lake Pontchartrain and Lake Maurepas sloshing effect. Dr. Lopez invited the Board members to the March 27, 2015 Pontchartrain-Maurepas Surge Consortium meeting in LaPlace, Louisiana.
- XII. Windell Curole, Executive Director of the South Lafourche Levee District talked to the Board about revenue generating options and branding.
- XIII. Motion to adjourn made by Phillippi, seconded by Hutchison. Unanimously approved. Meeting concluded at 7:50 p.m.