

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

Wednesday, October 21, 2015 6:00 pm

Koop Drive Council Chambers-Mandeville, Louisiana

- I. Rykert Toledano, Chairman, called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.
- II. Roll call by Beth Warren, STP CAO Office. Present: Faust, Fitzpatrick, Toledano, Sandoz, Hutchison, Phillippi, McGovern, LaSalle, DiFranco.
- III. Motion to approve September 16, 2015 minutes made by McGovern, seconded by Fitzpatrick. Unanimously approved, **motion passed**.

IV. OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion regarding status of Attorney General's opinion on STLDCD board members' terms of office. To date, the Attorney General's office has not rendered an opinion.

Discussion regarding Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for Consulting Engineering Services and the number of evaluators on the scoring committee. Motion to have three board members (LaSalle, Phillippi, and DiFranco) serve as evaluators made by McGovern, seconded by Sandoz. Unanimously approved, **motion passed**. Motion to allow the evaluators to submit the names of all qualified firms to the board (with no minimum or maximum limit on the number of firms submitted to the board) made by Phillippi, seconded by McGovern. Unanimously approved, **motion passed**. DiFranco to revise policy.

Discussion regarding board authorization to formally advertise RFQ for Consulting Engineering Services. Sandoz moved to table the matter, seconded by Hutchison.

Members in favor of motion to table: Hutchison, Fitzpatrick, Faust, Sandoz. Members

opposed to the motion: Toledano, McGovern, DiFranco, LaSalle, Phillippi. **Motion failed.**

Motion to advertise RFQ made by DiFranco, seconded by LaSalle. Members in favor of

motion to advertise RFQ: DiFranco, LaSalle, Phillippi, McGovern, Toledano. Members

opposed to the motion: Faust, Fitzpatrick, Hutchison, Sandoz. **Motion passed.** Question

from Richard Merley, audience member, regarding method of RFQ advertisement. Mr.

Merley was informed it would be in the Parish's official journal.

Discussion of CEA between St. Tammany Parish and STLDCD. Motion to re-authorize

Toledano to execute CEA as revised made by McGovern, seconded by DiFranco.

Unanimously approved, **motion passed.** Once executed, the budget will be revised to

reflect \$150,000.

Discussion regarding Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) with CPRA. Chairman

Toledano informed the board that he sent revisions to CPRA and is waiting on CPRA to

send revised version. Motion to pass a Resolution to authorize Toledano to execute IGA

with CPRA for \$50, 000 lump sum payment to STLDCD made by Hutchison, seconded by

DiFranco. Unanimously approved, **motion passed.**

Progress update on Goal One Work Group by Sandoz.

V. **NEW BUSINESS:**

Hutchison informed the board that he will attend the Louisiana Legislative Auditor's

Training on October 27 and 28, 2015.

Discussion of a potential CPRA project submittal by the board by Sandoz. The project

was conceived by the East St. Tammany Storm Protection Committee. Motion to submit

the project to CPRA to request (1) inclusion in the State master Plan and (2) provide

initial funding for feasibility study, preliminary design, and cost estimation made by Sandoz. Hutchison moved to amend Sandoz's motion to delete the attachment ("Conceptual Solution") from the submittal to CPRA, seconded by Sandoz. Unanimously approved, **motion passed**. Motion, as amended, to submit the document referred to as "Request that CPRA include the project in the 2017 Master Plan and that CPRA provide initial funding for a project feasibility assessment, preliminary design, and project cost estimation". Members in favor: Faust, Sandoz, Hutchison, Toledano, Phillippi, McGovern, Fitzpatrick. Members opposed: DiFranco and LaSalle. **Motion passed**. The project proposal letter will be re-drafted and forwarded to Interim Counsel Terry Hand to make sure there are no jurisdictional cross-overs or right-of-way crossovers.

- VI. Discussion of next board meeting date: November 18, 2015 at Towers Building in Slidell.
- VII. Motion to adjourn made by Sandoz, seconded by Phillippi. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 p.m.