

St. Tammany Parish Development District
Board of Commissioners Meeting
MINUTES
May 16, 2019

President Bill Davis called the meeting to order at 3:32 pm. Quorum and roll call were established by members present.

Present: Bill Davis, Scott Day, Mike Gambrell, Al Hamauei, Oscar Hernandez, Bruce Javery, Bill Newton, Mike Tillman **Absent:** Rhonda Bagby, Marty Mayer, and Dr. William Wainwright

Staff: Chris Masingill, Ronda Sides, Sharon DeLong, Jake Nickens

Legal Counsel: Mark Balkin, Hardy, Carey, Chautin, & Balkin

Bond Counsel: David Wolf, Adams & Reese, LLP

Guests: Kathleen Wilkins, retired business owner; Zondra Jones & Tonya Leaders of St. Tammany Parish Tourist Commission; Michael Hecht, GNO, Inc.; Mike Barack, Hat Trick Consultants

Public Comment Period

Ms. Wilkins stated she would like STPDD to support small businesses in the Parish.

Consent Agenda

With no items being removed for further discussion, Al Hamauei, seconded by Scott Day, moved to approve the consent agenda. All were in favor. Motion passed.

New Business

Michael Hecht, GNO, Inc.: Mr. Hecht distributed *A Decade of Development*, a publication of GNO, Inc's accomplishments for the past 10 years. Hecht also addressed the Board with the value of the partnership between St. Tammany Corporation and GNO, Inc. (*Attachment A*)

Event Center Project, Mike Barack, Hat Trick Consultants: Mr. Barack conducted a PowerPoint presentation on the need for a medium-sized event center to measure the interest in moving forward with development. (*Attachment B*)

2018 Financial Audit Report: Bryan Huval of LaPorte CPAs & Business Advisors distributed the final report of the 2018 audit stating there were no deficiencies in internal controls and no instances of noncompliance or other matters required to be reported under Government Auditing Standards. (*Attachment C*) Mike Gambrell, seconded by Scott Day moved to accept the 2018 Audit Report. All were in favor. Motion passed.

Executive Update:

President Davis stated since the Executive Update Report had been previously emailed to the Board, he moved to the next agenda item. (*Attachment E*)

Board Education: David Wolf educated the Board on the Payment in Lieu of Taxes (Pilot) program and will make a deep dive into the specific projects supported by STPDD at a future meeting. (*Attachment D*)

Announcements:

Finance Committee Meeting 1 pm, June 12th; Next Board meeting 3:30 pm, June 20th at Blue Bell Creameries. This will be a field experiential meeting.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:40 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sharon DeLong, Manager of Administration