

July 19, 2018

Subject: Homeowners meeting of July 18, 2018

The meeting began on time and lasted a total of 27 minutes. It was noted that the kickoff for our Project 1.0 went well. Note that the scope of work can be found on the levee board site. Minutes from the meetings can be found there as well.

All members of the board were present. There is just over \$45,000.00 in the levee board account, and expenditures and monies received were explained to everyone's satisfaction.

The rep from Neel Schaffer explained that parts three and four of our assessment would require additional money to complete.

Tom Thompson asked the board to support an appeal to the Army Corps of Engineers to release the impact studies from levees constructed after Katrina that affected our area detrimentally. He tried to gain access via the Freedom of Information Act, but the Corps has refused. The position is that this is privileged information, not to be released. However, it seems that this information could be helpful concerning the study of Project 1.0. Perhaps the parish, as well, can help with that request.

Naomie Hess delivered information concerning the negative economic impact our communities have endured. She requested that all parties cut the red tape to achieve the goal of flood protection, but the audience was reminded that the steps leading to the request for federal funds must be completed first.

It is expected that Elizabeth Dowsman, Ph.D., will give a power point presentation at the next levee board meeting, August 15, the third Wednesday of the month, at the Towers Bldg. in Slidell.

Suzanne Krieger is making another trip to Washington, D.C., to meet with congressional delegates to discuss the gate at the Rigolets.

Although the meeting provided good information, the attendance was poor. Better participation is encouraged next month. People should not be complacent during this process to get what is needed to protect us.

Bonnie