

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, April 16, 2012, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 13, 2012

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that the next Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2012 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,  
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Steve Wilson, Ricky Bosco, Mike Delaune, L.C. Irvin, Marty Poche, Allen St. Pierre and Jerry Savoy. Absent: None.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins – Executive Director, Dean Smith – Police Captain and Susan M. Sheets - Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance were: Clinton Rouyea – External Accountant and Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Les Waguespack of Shaw, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Jack Morgan Evans Graves Engineers, Henry Picard of Burk Kleinpeter, Eric Poche of SJB Group, Josh Graham, CES, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol, Jay LeBlanc of Rivalake, Bert Gamble of Rio Bravo, Lauren Dimattia and Rhonda Braud of CPRA, and Ronnie Brown of Sanders, Morris & Harris.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the budget hearing of March 19, 2012 was offered by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Savoy and unanimously carried. Next, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 19, 2012 was offered by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Bosco and unanimously carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Mr. Mike Delaune reported on the security meeting held on April 10, 2012. There were no action items to report.

**Equipment Committee:** Mr. Mike Delaune reported on the meeting held on April 10, 2012. At this time, Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to add an item to the agenda relative to the purchase of a new bushhog cutter. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Delaune presented the three (3) quotes for said equipment. Following brief discussion, Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by

Mr. Poche to approve said purchase of new bushhog cutter Model DL66 for a Hyundai 210-7A excavator thru State Machinery at a cost of \$16,171.00. This motion also carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Jerry Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on April 12, 2012. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$59,864.26 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche then moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the invoice from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$32,840.93 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin then moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to approve the invoice from G.C.R. & Associates for computer technical support in the amount of \$172.50 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the expenses for the Town of Grand Isle 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Coastal Mayor's Conference held April 26-28, 2012 in Grand Isle, Louisiana. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve to authorize Board President, Steve Wilson, to sign new investment contract with Geneos Wealth Management as recommended by committee. Mr. Brown addressed the Board and gave a brief update regarding said name change and investments. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve change order #1 for Cross Bayou Pump Station in the amount of \$142,000.00 as recommended by committee.

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. Marty Poche reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on April 12, 2012. There were no action items to report.

## STAFF REPORTS

Written reports were given for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative:

- a) Amite River & Tributaries Bayou Manchac & Ecosystem
- b) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project
- c) St. Charles Urban/Cross Bayou Pump Station
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal
- e) Mississippi River Levee Multi-Use Trail
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- g) LaBranche Wetlands
- h) Linfield, Hunter & Junius – Maintenance Shop Update

After the update from Chris Williams regarding LaBranche Wetlands, members discussed the payment arrangements with St. Charles Parish on said project. Discussion was had relative to the joint arrangement and payment options. Following discussion, Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to add an item to the agenda regarding said project. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Delaune then moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to authorize President, Steve Wilson, to sign said agreement with St. Charles Parish after finalization from Board Attorney for the West LaBranche Shoreline Protection Project. This motion carried unanimously.

## LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

**St. Charles Borromeo Church** – request of March 8, 2012 to park vehicles for their annual Little Red Church Food & Fun Festival held on May 4, 5 & 6, 2012 and to employ patrols to supervise the parking to protect the integrity of our levee system in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request. This motion carried unanimously.

**Club South Runners** – request of April 10, 2012 to host a 2 mile run on July 11, 2012 beginning at the bike path on the levee at Skip Bertman Drive in East Baton Rouge Parish. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request. This motion carried unanimously.

**Motiva Enterprises, LLC** – request of March 1, 2012 concerning permission to directional bore for the installation of fiber optic cables, levee station 5320+00 and 5340+00, at Norco, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated March 21, 2012 and CPRA dated February 28, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**A T & T** – request of March 7, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to directionally drill and install a composite communications cable on the protected side of and parallel, levee station 5059+00, at Montz, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 13, 2012 and CPRA dated March 15, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**A T & T** – request of March 28, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to directional bore a fiber optic cable from Airline Highway to 111 Riverbend Drive, levee station 5855+00, at St. Rose, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 6, 2012 and CPRA dated April 2, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**A T & T** – request of March 22, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to relocate a telephone service at 698 Highway 628, levee station 4954+00, at LaPlace, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 12, 2012 and CPRA dated March 26, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**A T & T** – request of March 30, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to place a fiber optic cable at 4258 Highway 44, levee station 3020+50, at Burnside Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 6, 2012 and CPRA dated April 2, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**A T & T** – request of March 16, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to directionally bore 491 feet of fiber cable and install an anchor, levee station 2340+00, at Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated March 21, 2012 and CPRA dated March 28, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Entergy** – request of March 30, 2012 concerning permission to install two (2) power poles and remove one (1) power pole at the Manresa Retreat, levee station 3695+00, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 10, 2012 and CPRA dated April 2, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Entergy** – request of March 8, 2012 concerning permission to install one (1) power pole and electrical service to residence at 121 South Emile Street, levee station 4481+50, at Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 4, 2012 and CPRA dated March 15, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Praxair Inc.** – request of February 20, 2012 through Ecology and Environment, Inc., concerning permission to install approximately 50 miles of mainline 12-inch hydrogen pipeline by directional drilling under the Bonnet Carre Spillway Upper and Lower Guide Levees, levee station 140+00 and 90+00, respectively, and to install the pipeline by trenching on the protected side of the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection Levee, between levee stations 75+00 and 134+00, in Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana. Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated April 5, 2012 and CPRA dated April 3, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District** – request of March 9, 2012 from Linda C. LaBure, New Orleans District Real Estate Chief, Real Estate Region South Division, to Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for a period of two (2) years or until completion of the surveys, borrow borings, cultural resource investigations and HTRW assessments in connection with the Mississippi River Levees, Manchac Levee Enlargement and Slope Pavement, East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes, Louisiana as per drawing entitled “Right of Entry for Borrow Borings, Surveys, Cultural Resource Investigations, and HTRW Assessments”, Sheet Identification Number RE-06, File Number H-8-47658, dated March 1, 2012”. Said grant of right-of-entry is predicated on notification of private landowners pursuant to Louisiana State Legislative Act 182 (Revised Statute 38:301) (D). Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve right of entry as present. Motion carried unanimously.

**Charles Monsted, Scott Monsted and John and June Luck** – request of April 11, 2012 wherein they requested a letter of no objection for a right of entry. Said ROE is for the use of the permanent road easement acquired previously by the PLD, by agreement dated June 16, 1999, recorded in COB 557, Folio 118 in the official records of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, as well as, the use of Tract No. 1, being the permanent road easement acquired by PLD dated February 2, 2012, recorded in COB 767, Folio 812 in the office records of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. Permitted use of the herein described right of entry through this letter of no objection is NOT transferable to the owner's heirs and assigns. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve right of entry as present. Motion carried unanimously.

### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Wilson read into the record the thank you from Mississippi River Commission.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

At this time, an update regarding Meridian Resource was given by Mr. Bert Gamble

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The following resolution was offered by Jerry Savoy and seconded by Michael DeLaune;

**WHEREAS, Doris Vicknair** began her tenure with the Pontchartrain Levee District on December 1<sup>st</sup>, 1956; Working through the many changes of the 20<sup>th</sup> century, she worked her way through the organizational chart and ultimately held the position of the Office Manager which she retired from on August 1, 1992; and

**WHEREAS, Doris Vicknair** faithfully, diligently and with the utmost of honor and distinction represented the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District and the residents of east bank parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles for 35 years; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from the dedication and historical knowledge of the mainline Mississippi River Levee of **Doris Vicknair**; and,

**WHEREAS,** the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District are grateful to have had such an individual as a part of the management team leading the Pontchartrain Levee District; and,

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family of **Doris Vicknair** upon her untimely death on March 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012; and,

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that this resolution be made a part of the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **Doris Vicknair**.

The resolution thereon was submitted to a vote, the vote was as follows:

YEA: Leonard Irvin, Jerry Savoy, Michael Delaune, Steve Wilson, Ricky Bosco,  
Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Marty Poche

NAY: None

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared adopted.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Under public comments, Mr. St. Pierre moved to add an item to the agenda relative to the oath of office for President Wilson. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bosco and carried unanimously. The meeting was turned over to Vice-President Delaune. Mr. Delaune called on Mr. Poirrier, Board Attorney, who administered the Oath of Office to Mr. Wilson.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time, Mr. Wilson moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

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**Susan M. Sheets, Secretary**

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**Steve Wilson, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District**