

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, April 21, 2014, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 17, 2014

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 21, 2014 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Steve Wilson, Marty Poche, L.C. Irvin, Jerry Savoy, Pat Bell, Allen St. Pierre, Henry Baptiste and Percy Hebert, Jr. Absent was Ricky Bosco.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins – Executive Director and Susan M. Sheets - Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel and Clinton Rouyea – External Accountant. Special guest included: Mona Nosari of G.C.R. & Associates, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol, Rhonda Braud of CPRA, Les Waguespack of CB & I, Henry Picard, III of Burk Kleinpeter, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves and Eric Poche of SJB Group.

A motion to approve the budget public hearing and the regular board meeting minutes of the March 17, 2014 meets was offered by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. Poche and carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the security meeting held on April 15, 2014. Mr. St. Pierre moved to approve to coordinate a one (1) year contract with LWAC, to eradicate the wildlife destroying the levees within the PLD jurisdiction, said contract is to be \$2,400.00 per month, not to exceed \$30,000.00 per year, pending final review and approval from PLD Board Attorney as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the meeting held on April 15, 2014. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Allen St. Pierre reported on the Finance meeting held on April 15, 2014. Mr. Irvin moved to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$26,968.93 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Savoy and carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$12,297.48 for the month of March 1, 2014 through March 31, 2014 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$465.74 for computer technical support for the month of February 1, 2014 through February 28., 2014 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed.

Personnel Committee: Mr. St. Pierre reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on April 15, 2014. There were no action items to report.

STAFF REPORTS

The Executive Director, Ms. Salins, gave a written report relative to her approval of Letters of No Objections (LONOs) issued as of the date of the board meeting.

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) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- f) LaBranche Wetlands

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Wilson reminded members about the upcoming ALBL workshop being held in Baton Rouge on May 1-2, 2014.

OLD BUSINESS

President Wilson discussed the previous actions of Board relative to the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition. President Wilson explained that this matter needed to be clarified. Following discussion, Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to support the creation of the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition (FIRC) as an initiative GEST (Gulf Economic Survival Team), allowing Dwayne Bourgeois, Director of North Lafourche Levee District to serve on its Steering Committee and making a one-time pledge of \$5,000.00 to this Coalition if it is formally organized. Further, that this pledge, if the Coalition comes to be created, be documented through a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and that the President be allowed to sign any and all related documents. This motion carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**