

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, February 18, 2008, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 15, 2008

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, February 18, 2008 at the Lutchter Office, 2204 Albert Street, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,
Monica Salins
Executive Director

Vice-President Webb Harelson called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Jesse Bartley, Blaine Sheets, Tony Cunningham*, Mike Delaune, Geri Broussard Baloney, Chucky Tillis and Webb Harelson. Absent were President Steve Wilson and Robert "Poncho" Roussel. (*Absent for roll call.)

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins - Executive Director, Dwight Poirrier - PLD Attorney, and Susan M. Canatella, Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance were: Joe Sevario - Executive Assistant to the Board, Clinton Rouyea - External Accountant and Jimmy Smith - Maintenance Consultant. Special guests included: Les Waguespack and Jeff Pena of Shaw Coastal, Inc., Henry Picard of Burk-Kleinpeter, Rick Shread of Shread-Kurkendall and Associates, Inc., Mike Mitchell of Mammoet, Jesse McClendon and Misty Evans of LA DOTD, John Lopez and Carlton Dufrechou of The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation, Lance LaPlace and Carly Fleming of Cali & LaPlace Engineers and Mona Nosari of G.C.R. & Associates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 22, 2008 was offered by Mrs. Broussard Baloney, seconded by Mr. Delaune and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Mr. Jesse Bartley reported on the Finance meeting held on February 12, 2008. Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$29,616.93 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to approve payment in the amount of \$8,200.76 to G.C.R. & Associates for Reach 1B for the period of January 1 through January 31, 2008 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. *At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Cunningham arrived and took his seat at the table. Next on the agenda was approval of the critical tasks as presented by the Project Consultant, Shaw Coastal, Inc. At this time, Mr. Harelson called on Mr. Pena who gave a brief update regarding the critical tasks on the Amite River & Tributaries, Bayou Manchac Project. Mr. Pena explained that the two (2) contracts and associated costs were not additional monies requested and indeed are included in the \$1,217,140.00 originally presented at committee level as cost for the critical tasks required to keep this project moving forward. Following discussion, Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to

approve to proceed with the critical tasks as presented by the Project Consultant, Shaw Coastal, Inc. for said project at a cost of \$1,217,140.00 as recommended by committee. Mr. Bartley then moved to approve payment of the associated cost referenced in said Contract #1 by Shaw Coastal in the amount of \$353,494.60 for Task Order No. 3, Amendment No. 3. This motion to approve payment was seconded by Mr. Sheets and carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to approve payment of the associated cost referenced in said Contract #2 by Shaw Coastal, Inc. in the amount of \$310,400.00 for Task Order No. 5, Amendment No. 5 for critical path work performed. This motion also carried unanimously.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Chucky Tillis reported on the meeting held on February 12, 2008. Mr. Tillis stated there were no action items to report.

Insurance Committee: Mr. Jesse Bartley reported on the insurance committee meeting held on February 12, 2008. Mr. Bartley advised that there were no action items to report.

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Blaine Sheets reported on the security meeting held on February 14, 2008. Mr. Sheets moved to approve instructing the Executive Director to assign Employee #2360 in a supervisory capacity over administrative personnel, as well as, External Accountant, have same reflected on updated PLD Organizational Chart and interoffice memos be sent to office staff as well as the supervisors notifying said change. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tillis and carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Bartley questioned the director regarding the interoffice memo to the supervisors which was in the packets. Mr. Bartley asked that the memo be re-written and clearly state the Board's action.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Cunningham reported on the personnel meeting held on February 14, 2008. Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve the merit increases for March 2008 for eligible employees' number: #1485, #126518, #126539, deferring employee #126436 for re-evaluation in six (6) months due to worker's compensation leave. This motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Ms. Mona Nosari then gave her report relative to the Hurricane and Flood Control Projects.

LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

AEP Elmwood, LLC – request of December 6, 2007 thru Entergy Louisiana, LLC concerning Permission to an overhead levee crossing which includes the replacing a pole with two (2) new Poles and to install three (3) conductors and a shield wire, levee station 3593+39, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated December 21, 2007 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated January 22, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

UCAR Pipeline – request of November 9, 2007 thru Mustang Engineering, L.P. concerning permission to directional drill an eight (8) inch pipeline underneath the left descending Mississippi River Levee, levee station 3727+00, at Union, Louisiana, St. James Parish. Mr.

Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 1, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated February 15, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Huntsman Rubicion Refinery – request of February 7, 2008 thru Eustis Engineering Services, LLC concerning permission to drill three (3) soil borings on the protected side and to drill one (1) soil boring on the crown and to drill two (2) soil borings on the batture, levee station 2320+00, in Ascension. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 13, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated February 15, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Marathon Petroleum Co. – request of July 27, 2007 and revised letter dated January 3, 2008, concerning permission to install multiple pipe piles for the installation of a piperack, levee stations 4521+93 and 4535+97, at Garyville, Louisiana, St. John the Baptist Parish. Mrs. Broussard Baloney moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 1, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated February 15, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Merlin Oil & Gas, Inc. – request of July 12, 2007 concerning permission to conduct seismic surveys in Tps. 11 through 14.S., and Rs. 7 through 9 E. and 19 through 20 E, and have right of entry access to their investigation sites on via launching from the Bonnet Carre Guide Levee and Extex as permission was acquired by Merlin, in St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana. Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mrs. Broussard Baloney to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 7, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated December 13, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – Do hereby certify that the Pontchartrain Levee District, has acquired the real property interests required by the Department of the Army, as requested via letter dated January 29, 2008, from Linda C. LaBure, Chief, Real Estate Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, and revised by email communication dated February 14, 2008 from Greg C. Carter, Real Estate Specialist, Real Estate Division, United States Army Corps of Engineers, to the Pontchartrain Levee District, said revision excludes access to the levee right-of-way via SWEPI Road and adds alternative access to the levee right-of-way via existing roads opposite Ormond Boulevard and the St. Rose Travel Center and said Pontchartrain Levee District otherwise is vested with sufficient title and interest in lands, to perform surveys in connection with the Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana and Vicinity, Hurricane Protection Project, North of Airline Highway, Shell Pipeline Floodwall, Good Hope Floodwall and Canadian National Railroad Gate, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to approve expenses for the Association of Levee Boards Annual Workshop in Baton Rouge on May 1st and 2nd. This motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, Mr. Bartley briefly discussed the PLD Organizational Chart. Members agreed that this matter be placed on the Personnel Committee Meeting for March, 2008 for further discussion and instruction.

NEW BUSINESS

Under new business, a presentation was made by The Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation/Save Our Lake regarding multiple lines of defense strategies. Mr. John Lopez made the presentation along with assistance from Mr. Carlton Dufrechou.

Support of the Multiple Lines of Defense Strategy to Integrate Flood Protection and Coastal Restoration

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. Geri Broussard Baloney and seconded by Mr. Tony Cunningham:

WHEREAS, coastal restoration and hurricane protection efforts have traditionally been planned separately in Louisiana, and

WHEREAS, due to leveeing of the Mississippi River, dredging navigation channels/canals through coastal wetlands, and other human induced changes in natural hydrology, the coast of Louisiana has been in a state of decline for over half a century, and

WHEREAS, due to the declined health of the coast and the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, land loss in the coastal zone of Louisiana was 200 square miles for 2005, and

WHEREAS, the impacts of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita demonstrated that depending on levees alone does not provide adequate protection from hurricanes, and

WHEREAS, historically, the natural features of the coast of Louisiana such as barrier islands, sounds, marshes, and ridges have been its primary lines of defense against storm surges from hurricanes and tropical storms, and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Lines of Defense Report developed under the auspices of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin Foundation and the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana proposes freshwater diversions, restoration of barrier islands, marshes, ridges, and other natural features of Louisiana's coast that enhance hurricane protection, and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Lines of Defense Report proposes to sustain the coastal lines of defense and wetland habitats by re-establishing a salinity regime to baseline conditions that existed when the coast was more naturally sustainable, and

WHEREAS, the Multiple Lines of Defense Report proposes specific project recommendations to sustain the coastal lines of defense and wetland habitats within the jurisdiction of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and

WHEREAS, the Pontchartrain Levee District, representing the East Bank of St. Charles, St. John, St. James, Iberville, Ascension, and East Baton Rouge Parishes, all of which are directly affected by the lack of integration of Coastal Protection and Restoration Strategies with Hurricane Protection, now

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Pontchartrain Levee District urges Governor Jindal, the Louisiana Recovery Authority, the Louisiana Department of Natural Resources, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, FEMA, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration authority, and other appropriate government agencies to integrate the Multiple Lines of Defense Report recommendations into future coastal restoration and hurricane protection efforts for within the jurisdiction of the Pontchartrain Levee District.

This resolution was declared adopted this 18th day of February, 2008.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Bartley asked members to review their copy of the annual draft budget for discussions next month.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

/s/ Susan M. Cantella
Susan M. Canatella, Secretary

/s/ Webb Harelson
Webb Harelson, Vice-President