

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Tuesday, January 22, 2008, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 18, 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 Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at the Lutchter Office, 2204 Albert Street, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,  
Monica Salins,  
Executive Director

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Jesse Bartley, Steve Wilson, Blaine Sheets, Tony Cunningham\*, Mike Delaune\*, Chucky Tillis, Webb Harelson and Robert "Poncho" Roussel. Absent was Mrs. Geri Broussard Baloney. (\*Absent for roll call.)

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Dwight Poirrier - PLD Attorney, Kenny Steib - Levee Maintenance Superintendent and Susan M. Canatella, Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance were: Joe Sevario - Executive Assistant to the President, Clinton Rouyea - External Accountant and Jimmy Smith - Maintenance Consultant. Special guests included: Henry Picard of Burk-Kleinpeter, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, and Lance Laplace and Carley Fleming of Cali & LaPlace Engineers.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of December 17, 2007 was offered by Mr. Sheets, seconded by Mr. Tillis and unanimously carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Jesse Bartley reported on the Finance meeting held on January 15, 2008. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$22,496.95 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to approve payment in the amount of \$2,798.40 to G.C.R. & Associates for Reach 1B for the period of December 1 through December 31, 2007 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Bartley moved to approve the invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in the amount of \$1,000.00 for 2008 annual membership dues as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Sheets and carried unanimously. \*At 6:05 p.m., Mr. Delaune arrived and took his seat at the table. Mr. Harelson moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to approve the authorization for the Executive Director to execute the Release of Excess Collateral as requested by Regions and recommended by committee on January 15, 2008. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve the transfer of excess funds in the amount of \$4,327,033.76 from the PLD General Fund into the PLD Investments Account as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley noted that Mr. Ronnie

Brown had not charged any fees associated with said transfers and was still researching the charge incurred.

**Equipment Committee:** Mr. Webb Harelson reported on the meeting held on January 15, 2008. There were no action items to report.

**Security/Safety Committee:** Mr. Blaine Sheets reported on the security meeting held on January 17, 2008. A motion was offered by Mr. Tillis and seconded by Mr. Bartley that Steve Wilson, President, be and he is hereby authorized to sign a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Town of Sorrento whereby the Pontchartrain Levee District, Board of Commissions, agrees to lend, for temporary drainage purposes, the use of a PLD tractor and mower as outlined in the agreement. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Roussel moved to approve the renewal of the Agricultural Lease with Dufesco Planting Co. in St. James Parish for three (3) years beginning March 1, 2007 through February 28, 2010 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tillis and carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. Roussel reported on the personnel meeting held on January 17, 2008. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to approve the merit increase for employee #3779 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. \*At 6:08 p.m., Mr. Cunningham arrived and took his seat at the table. Mr. Sheets moved to approve having the Board Attorney respond to the RN Case Manager letter concerning the work related injury claim for employee #1587 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Delaune and carried unanimously. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Harelson to approve the expenses for Board Members and Staff regarding the National Hurricane Conference scheduled for March 31, through April 4, 2008 in Orlando, Florida as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to approve the expenses for Board Members and Staff regarding the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Annual Spring Meetings scheduled for March 29, 2008 through April 2, 2008 in Washington, D.C. as recommended by committee. This motion also carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Bartley requested that a matter be added to the agenda regarding mileage reimbursement. This motion to add said item was seconded by Mr. Roussel and carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley then addressed the Board and made a statement regarding past policy of the Board concerning mileage per diem for members as well as contract employees. Mr. Bartley noted that the Board Secretary was the only employee not being reimbursed for mileage. Upon completion of said statement, Mr. Bartley moved to approve mileage reimbursement as outlined by State Guidelines for the Board Secretary to and from the Headquarters office for PLD business. This motion was seconded by Mr. Tillis and carried unanimously.

**Building Committee:** Mr. Roussel reported on the Building Committee held on January 17, 2008. Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve the fence quote from Bayou Home Improvements in the amount of \$26,490.00 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Mr. Cunningham read the written report by Mona Nosari relative to the Hurricane and Flood Control Project due to her absence because of illness.

## LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

**Huntsman International, LLC** – request of December 5, 2007 through Environmental Resources Management concerning permission to drill one (1) soil boring, levee station 1488+80 at St. Gabriel, Louisiana, in Iberville Parish. Mr. Harelson 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 December 12, 2007 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated December 14, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

**St. Charles Parish** – request of October 15, 2007 through Forte and Tablada, Inc. concerning permission to construct the new St. Charles Parish East Regional Library, a parking lot, a 2-inch sanitary sewer force main, and a new boulevard off of LA 48, levee station 5576+65, at Destrehan, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Bartley to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated November 7, 2007 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated December 13, 2007. The motion carried unanimously.

**Port of South Louisiana** – request of November 5, 2007 through URS Corporation for a revision to their original letter of no objection #06092553 which includes eliminating the installation of the conveyor, levee station 4636+20, at Reserve, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request for an extension. The motion carried unanimously.

## RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

## PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Wilson announced that the Coalition to Restore Coastal Louisiana and the Save the Lake Foundation agencies would be giving a presentation at the February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2008 Board Meeting. President Wilson also requested that members coordinate their schedules with the Board Secretary so arrangements for travel could be made for the upcoming conferences.

## OLD BUSINESS

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

President Wilson discussed a request from LWCC regarding a deposition of the PLD Maintenance Consultant, Jimmy Smith, pertaining to a workers' compensation case and advised members that the Board Attorney would be meeting with Mr. Smith to make any necessary arrangements.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time, Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

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

/s/ Steve Wilson  
**Steve Wilson, President**