

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, February 23, 2015, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 20, 2015

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 23, 2015 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:11 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Percy Hebert, Jr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson. Absent was Mr. L.C. Irvin.

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 was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Jake Lambert of Glenn Shaheen & Associates, Jack Morgan and Ashlyn Graves of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard of Burk Kleinpeter, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Terri Dupre of Meyer Engineers, Al Naomi and Mark Gonski of AECOM and Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter and Junius.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 20, 2015 was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Baptiste. This motion also carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Poche reported on the security meeting held on February 10, 2015. There were no action items to report.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Poche reported on the equipment meeting held on February 10, 2015. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on February 12, 2015. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve to move forward and proceed with levee centerline elevations by accepting low bid by G.C.R. and cross sections for LPV-4.2 and LPV-4.2B for the St. Charles Parish HSDRRS as requested by CPRA. The low bid was Evans Graves. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the request by Grand Isle Independent Levee District per letter dated February 6, 2015, to donate a PLD surplus

Case Bulldozer, Model No. 650G, serial No. JJGO216390 and have PLD Board Attorney draft document in donation of said equipment as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bosco moved to approve the task for the Amite River Diversion Hydraulic Modeling, Construction, Design, Permitting and Bidding to be drafted and finalized by PLD Board counsel as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and also carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$37,308.05 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bosco then moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$24,204.81 for the month of January 1, 2015 through January 31, 2015 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the invoice from G.C.R. & Associates in the amount of \$1,001.66 for computer technical support for the month of December 1, 2014 thru December 31, 2014 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the expenses for the 30th Annual workshop for the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) in Baton Rouge, Louisiana as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Mr. St. Pierre reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on February 12, 2015. There were no action items to report.

STAFF REPORTS

The written report from the Executive Director was given to each member. Ms. Salins advised members that she was invited by the USACE New Orleans Division to be a panel member and participate and answer questions before members of the USACE Planning Group Discussion for districts throughout the nation regarding public involvement with USACE. It was noted that PLD was the only levee district asked to participate in said panel discussion. The panel is scheduled to meet on March 5, 2015 in New Orleans.

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

- a) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project
- b) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal/Frog Bayou-Alligator Bayou DRAFT Comprehensive Plan
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- e) LaBranche Wetlands Protection

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Wilson asked members to consider adding an item to the agenda relative to the previously approved Intergovernmental Agreement with Port of South Louisiana specific to police dispatching. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to add said item to the agenda for discussion. This motion to add item carried unanimously. President Wilson explained that the Intergovernmental Agreement with Port of South Louisiana regarding radio dispatching system needed renewal. Members were advised that said terms of the agreement are to remain the same and said amounts for dispatching were in the budget. Following brief discussion Mr. Baptiste moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to ratify the renewal of the Intergovernmental Agreement between PLD and the Port of South Louisiana for radio dispatching. This motion carried unanimously.

President Wilson then provided members with a copy of the most recent List of Committees, Pontchartrain Levee District, dated June 16, 2014, and notified members that as President of PLD, he makes the following changes to the List of Committees:

Building Committee:	Ricky Bosco, Chairperson Marty Poche, Vice Chairperson (to replace Jerry Savoy)
Personnel Committee:	Marty Poche, Chairperson (to replace Allen St. Pierre, Sr.) Henry Baptiste- Vice Chairperson
Finance & Budget:	Henry Baptiste (to replace Jerry Savoy) Ricky Bosco- Vice Chairperson
Security/Safety:	L.C. Irvin, Sr. (to replace Marty Poche) Marty Poche (to replace L.C. Irvin)
Equipment/Maintenance:	Allen St. Pierre, Sr. (to replace Marty Poche)
Bonfire Committee:	No Changes
Special West Shore:	No Changes
Legal/Legislative:	No Changes
Special LP&V:	No Changes
Drug/Alcohol:	L.C. Irvin, Chairperson Jerry Savoy (to replace Henry Baptiste)
Insurance:	No Changes
AR&T:	Percy Hebert (added to said members)
Grant Committee:	No Changes
Recreation/Special Projects:	No Changes

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under public comments, Mr. Savoy mentioned that he had attended a public meeting held regarding the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension and stated that it was well attended and that the public was in favor of said levee project and that only the alignment questioned in the Lake Martin area. Brief discussion was had. Members were also advised that there would be a presentation on next month's agenda as Mr. Frank Bonifay would like to be present to make a presentation. Mr. Poirrier and Mr. Lambert were requested to be in attendance at the committee meeting next month for said presentation.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson - President
Pontchartrain Levee District**