

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 19, 2012, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 16, 2012

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that a Budget Public Hearing and 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, March 19, 2012 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:39 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: Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board 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 GSA, Inc., Henry Picard of Burk Kleinpeter, Eric Poche of SJB Group, Josh Graham of CES, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichols, Lance LaPlace of Lance LaPlace Consultants, Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting and Rhonda Braud and Lauren Dimattia of CPRA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of January 17, 2012, was offered by Mr. Savoy, seconded by Mr. Delaune and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Mike Delaune reported on the security meeting held on March 13, 2012. There were no action items to report.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Mike Delaune reported on the meeting held on March 13, 2012. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Jerry Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on March 15, 2012. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$51,260.75 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 \$18,950.28 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Delaune then moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the invoice from G.C.R. & Associates for computer technical support in the amount of \$517.50 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve the expenses for the External Accountant to attend the annual GFOA Spring Conference held April 25-27, 2012 in Lake Charles, Louisiana as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on March 15, 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

After the update from Steve Wilson, on behalf of Jack Morgan's absence, relative to the St. Charles Urban/Cross Bayou Pump Station report, members wished to add an item to the agenda for further discussion. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to add an item to the agenda. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre then moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco that pending approval from Board Attorney, the board authorizes the Executive Director to release payment to BLD Services, LLC in amount of 3% of the retainage amount from said pump station contract.

LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

Bocage Reception Hall and Church – request of February 15, 2012 through APS Design and Testing, LLC, concerning permission to drill four (4) soil borings, levee station 2849+00, at Darrow, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Mr. Savoy 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 6, 2012 and CPRA dated February 20, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Marathon Petroleum Company, LP. – request of March 2, 2012 concerning permission to install a new firewater piping, levee station 4555+00, at Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco 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 13, 2012 and CPRA dated March 5, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Methanex – request of February 21, 2012 through Fugro Consultants, concerning permission to install 13 soil borings/temporary groundwater monitoring wells at the Melancon Site Plant, between levee stations 2241+00 and 2276+00, at Geismar, 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 March 2, 2012 and CPRA dated March 5, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Methanex – request of February 23, 2012 and March 13, 2012 through Fugro Consultants, concerning permission to install four (4) soil borings at the Melancon Site Plant, between levee station 2242+00 and 2245+00, at Geismar, 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 March 2, 2012 and March 14, 2012 and CPRA dated March 13, 2012 and March 15, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Marathon Petroleum Company, LP. – request of February 29, 2012 concerning permission to construct a fence along West 25th Street, levee station 4539+00, at Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco 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 2, 2012 and CPRA dated March 5, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Marathon Petroleum Company, LP. – request of March 1, 2012 concerning permission to install six (6) underground conduit banks, between levee station 4510+00 and 4535+00, at Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco 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 5, 2012 and CPRA dated March 6, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

AT&T – request of January 13, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to directional bore under River Road, excavate two (2) pits, install a new anchor and to remove an existing power pole, levee station 5727+00, at St. Rose, 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 February 23, 2012 and CPRA dated January 18, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Nucor Corporation – request of February 23, 2012 through URS Corporation, concerning permission to perform ten (10) cone penetration tests, levee station 3351+80, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche 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 February 27, 2012 and CPRA dated February 27, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Jeffery Fields – request of January 24, 2012 concerning permission to excavate footings for the installation of a metal storage building at 5993 Highway 44, levee station 3671+00, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche 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 February 23, 2012 and CPRA dated January 26, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

AT&T – request of February 14, 2012 through Byers Engineering, concerning permission to install one (1) anchor on the protected side and to install one (1) anchor on the flood side and to install an aerial fiber optic cable across the levee to service the Carline Geismar Fleet, levee station 2395+00, near Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Mr. Irvin 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 February 29, 2012 and CPRA dated February 16, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Manresa House of Retreats – request of February 20, 2012 concerning permission to install two (2) new power poles and an underground conduit, levee station 3695+00, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche 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 February 29, 2012 and CPRA dated February 27, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Marathon Petroleum Company, LP. – request of February 10, 2012 concerning permission to construct a ringwall for a new storage tank (Tank 500-15), levee station 4502+00, 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 February 27, 2012 and CPRA dated February 16, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Louisiana State University School of Veterinary Medicine – request of January 13, 2012 through Foil Wyatt, concerning permission to construct an addition to the Lameness Evaluation facility, levee station 74+00, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco 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 February 27, 2012 and CPRA dated February 6, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Impala Warehousing, LLC – request of February 23, 2012 through Moffatt & Nichol, Inc. concerning revision to their original plan to include an additional soil boring on the crest and two (2) additional soil borings on the flood side of levee, levee station 3035+00, at Burnside, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Mr. Bosco 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 February 27, 2012 and CPRA dated February 27, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Rain CII Carbon, LLC – request of February 2, 2012 concerning permission to drill six (6) soil borings, between levee station 4240+00 and 4243+00, at Gramercy, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Irvin 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 1, 2012 and CPRA dated February 7, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

J. Reed Constructors, Inc. – request of February 17, 2012 concerning permission to construct upgrades to the levee district’s maintenance shop, levee station 3238+00, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco 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 6, 2012 and CPRA dated February 28, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

Entergy Louisiana, LLC – request of February 20, 2012 concerning permission to directional bore an underground conduit on the protected side and to install two (2) power poles and two (2) anchors on the flood side for Nucor Steel, between levee stations 3326+00 and 3332+00, in St. James Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Poche 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 February 29, 2012 and CPRA dated March 15, 2012 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

At this time, Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to add two (2) Rights of Entry to the agenda. This motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of March 16, 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 a right-of-entry for a period of two (2) years or until completion of the construction, for a Temporary Work Area Easement to the 8-acre borrow site at Lilly Bayou to obtain additional embankment material needed in connection with the Mississippi River Levee, Duncan Point Seepage Berm and Road Relocation Project Baseline Stations 175+00 to 210+00, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The limits of the stockpile are depicted on the drawings entitled “Mississippi River Levees, Left Descending Bank, Mile 225.9 to 225.0-L, Duncan Point Seepage Berm and Road Relocation, Right-of-Way, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, Pontchartrain Levee District,” File Number H-8-47217, Sheet Identification Numbers RE-03A and RE-06A, last revised March 15, 2011. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve said request as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of March 1, 2012 from Linda C. LaBure, New Orleans District Real Estate Chief, Real Estate Region South Division, to Garret Graves, Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for a period of two (2) years or until completion of construction in connection with the Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Louisiana Project, North of Airline Highway, St. Charles Parish, Reaches 1B and 2A as per drawings entitled “Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection Levee, North of Airline Highway, Reaches 1B and 2A, St. Charles Parish, File No. H-8-46507, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01 through R-07 dated February 23, 2012. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to approve said request *predicated on substantial completion letter from USACE and consultation and approval by PLD Board Counsel.* The motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of February 29, 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, 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 drawings entitled “Mississippi River, Louisiana, East Bank Levee, Manchac Levee Enlargement and Slope Pavement, Pontchartrain Levee District, Station 638+00 to Station 794+00,” Sheet Identification Numbers 1 through 3, undated. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Michael Delaune and seconded by Mr. Steve Wilson;

WHEREAS, **Allen Louviere** began his tenure with the Pontchartrain Levee District on December 1st, 1956 as a Foreman II at a rate of \$1.39 per hour; Working through the many changes of the 20th century, he worked his way through the organizational chart and ultimately held the position of the PLD Levee Board Operations Superintendent which he retired from on October 31st, 2008; and

WHEREAS, **Allen Louviere** 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 52 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 **Allen Louviere**; 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 **Allen Louviere** upon his untimely death on March 14th, 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 **Allen Louviere**.

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

YEA: 7

NAY: 0

ABSENT: None

The resolution was declared adopted.

OLD BUSINESS

Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve amendment No. 1 for the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between St. Charles Parish and Pontchartrain Levee District for the St. Charles Parish Bike Path. This motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Josh Graham of CES gave an update on the culvert cleaning project.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Savoy and seconded by Mr. Delaune:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has requested all state governing boards, agencies political subdivisions to adopt a budget for each fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in order to be in compliance with Acts 1985, No. 785, effective July 22, 1985 (LA R.S. 38:318) and to honor the request and intent of the Legislature, and;

WHEREAS, the major mission of said district is to maintain the east bank Mississippi River levee system as defined in LA R.S. 38:291 (L), to insure the levee integrity and capability, to safely understand river stages and hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, said District's additional purpose is to construct or support construction by others of new or enhanced levels of protection, to anticipate weaknesses in the levee system in order to avoid flooding caused by high river stages or hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the assets and liabilities of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and;

WHEREAS, considering taxing revenues and other income and reviewing the anticipated expenditures of said District,

NOW, THEREFORE, with the recommendations of the Administrative Staff of the Pontchartrain Levee District, the following budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2013 be adopted:

SEE ADDENDUM "A"

Anyone having any objection to the foregoing budget should contact the Board Office in Lusher, Louisiana and a public hearing will be scheduled.

The resolution to adopt the budget carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under public comments, Mr. Poirrier, Board Attorney gave a brief update relative to the oil lease matter with Bravo. Discussion was had. Following discussion, members requested Board Attorney to bring in representative from Bravo to give a detailed report on said matter. Also, Mr. Savoy questioned the Executive Director regarding some budget matters regarding travel expenses and operating services. Following brief discussion, President Wilson commended PLD Staff for an excellent job in preparing said budget. Members commended staff regarding diligence in handling said budget preparations.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**