

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 17, 2014, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 14, 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, March 17, 2014 at the Lutchet Office, Lutchet, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Steve Wilson, Marty Poche, L.C. Irvin, Jerry Savoy, Pat Bell, Ricky Bosco and Allen St. Pierre. Absent were: Henry Baptiste and Percy Hebert, Jr.

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, Clinton Rouyea – External Accountant and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol, Tim Harper of CPRA, Les Waguespack of C.B.I., Henry Picard, III of Burke Kleinpeter and Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting Group.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 17, 2014 was offered by Mr. Bell, seconded by Mr. Irvin and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the security meeting held on March 13, 2014. There were no action items to report.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the meeting held on March 13, 2014. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Jerry Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on March 11, 2014. Mr. Savoy moved to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$43,455.40 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$9,322.65 for the month of February 1, 2014 through February 28, 2014 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$57.50 for computer technical support for the month of January 1, 2014

through January 31, 2014 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve to move \$1,000,000.00 from General Fund to return \$500,000.00 to General Fund Investments and \$500,000.00 to Construction Fund Investment as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Lastly, Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve to transfer the budgetary funds from Off Road Diesel Account #70327.10 in the amount of \$192,784.00 (remaining balance) to the On Road Diesel Account #70327.15 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Mr. St. Pierre reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on March 11, 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 advised members that he would not be attending Washington, D.C. meetings due to medical reasons. Mr. Poirrier and Mr. Savoy would be representing PLD.

OLD BUSINESS

President Wilson opened discussion relative to Flood Insurance Reform Coalition. President Wilson went on to explain that a sub-committee of Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana had requested a letter of support as well as a \$5,000.00 monetary contribution from PLD to help with costs associated with the flood insurance reform act. Following brief discussion, Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve said request. This motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Bosco and seconded by Mr. Poche:

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, 2015 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. Sevario thanked President Wilson and explained that prior administration did not recognize nor spend any money on any projects outside the mainline Mississippi River Levee. Mr. Sevario went on to state that President Wilson has been instrumental in these ongoing projects and stated that projects throughout the 6 parishes help the people who pay the taxes and stressed the importance for protection within all of the parishes.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**