

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, May 18, 2015, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

May 16, 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, May 18, 2015 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Pat Bell, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., L.C. Irvin, Sr., Marty Poche, Allen St. Pierre, Sr., Henry Baptiste, Ricky Bosco, Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson. Absent: None.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins – Executive Director and Dean Smith – Police Captain. Also in attendance was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel, and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Absent: Susan Sheets-Board Secretary. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue of GCR & Associates (GCR), Stephen Braquet of Linfield, Hunter & Junius (LH&J), Jake Lambert of Glenn Shaheen & Associates (GSA), Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol (M&N), John Troutman of CPRA, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Henry Picard, III of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. (BKI), Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers (E-G), Steve Cali of Cali & LaPlace Engineers, Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting Group, Juba Diez of Volkert and John Dining of CN Railroad.

A motion to approve the regular board meeting minutes of the April 20, 2015 meeting was offered by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commission Irvin and said motion carried unanimously. There were no public comments and motion passed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Wilson reported on the security meeting held on May 12, 2015. There were no action items to report.

Equipment Committee: President Wilson reported on the meeting held on May 12, 2015. Commissioner Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve the purchase of the Roll Top Spill Containment System as recommended by committee on May 12, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Next, Commissioner Herbert moved, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to approve the Aerosolv Aerosol Can Recycle System as recommended by committee on May 12, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Lastly, Commissioner Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Bell to approve to have the PLD Board Attorney draft, create and present a Hog Eradication Contract to Lee Anderson for the specific parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville and Ascension as recommended by committee on May 12, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: President Wilson reported on the Finance meeting held on May 14, 2015.

Commissioner Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to approve to accept the RFP proposed by Volkert, Inc. regarding the Amite River Diversion Canal Weir Rehabilitation Project and to have the PLD Board Attorney prepare said contract and authorize Board President to execute said contract in the amount NTE \$130,015.00 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2015. Discussion was had concerning the time frame of said RFP and Mr. Juba Diez confirmed that said time frame would be no longer than 8 months for said tasks and same was reiterated by PLD Board Counsel, Dwight Poirrier, as per a conversation with Jan Evans of Volkert. There were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Baptiste moved, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$50,329.89 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Bell moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$56,252.58 for the New Administrative Complex as recommended by committee on May 14, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to approve to increase the spending level authority for the President, Executive Director and Levee Board Operations Superintendent to a maximum of \$5,000.00 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2015. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on May 14, 2014. There were no action items to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director's report was in packet.

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 (Henry Picard, BKI)
- b) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Amelia Pump Station (Jack Morgan (E-G))
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal/Frog-Alligator Bayou DRAFT Comprehensive Plan (Jake Lambert, GSA)
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee (AJ Domangue, GCR)
- e) Laurence Shoreline Protection (Chris Williams, M&N)
- f) PLD EOC/Headquarters Progress (Stephen Braquet, LH&J)

Commissioner St. Pierre asked the Director Salins for an update on the I-10 corridor discussions within St. John the Baptist Parish being worked on by NY & Associates. Ms. Salins' stated that she would look into that and get back with him as soon as she had some information.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of May 1, 2015, from Linda C. LaBure, District Chief of Real Estate, New Orleans Real Estate Region South Division, Real Estate Contracting Officer to Chip Kline, Chairman, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana and Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of 36 months for access and the installation of High Performance Turf Reinforced Mattresses (HPTRM) in connection with the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV), Levee Armoring Reaches LPV 04.2a and LPV 04.2b , as per the Corps of Engineers Right of Way drawings entitled “Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, ARM-06, Levee HPTRM Armoring, Reaches 1A and 1B,” file number H-08-47975, Sheet Identification Nos. R-01 through R-10, dated February, 2015. Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to approve said ROE as referenced herein. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of April 22, 2015, from Linda C. LaBure, District Chief of Real Estate, New Orleans Real Estate Region South Division, Real Estate Contracting Officer to Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of 12 months to conduct surveys in connection with the Mississippi River Levees, Pontchartrain Levee District and Bonnet Carre’ –Upper Reach, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers drawings entitled, “Federal Hurricane Levee and MRL Flood Control System No. 1 – Mississippi River East Bank,” modified May 12, 2012, and “Mississippi River Levees Pontchartrain Levee District, Station 0+00 to Station 5300+00, “ EGIS Map Identification Number 11-068-002, sheets 1 through 53 of 59, last modified January 7, 2013. Commissioner St. Pierre moved, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve said ROE as referenced herein. There was no discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Wilson read a letter in to the record dated April 29, 2015, specific to PLD's 1st Quarter Inspection Report. CPRA Chief Engineer Ignacio Harrouch complimented President Wilson and the levee district for our prudent attention to the operation and maintenance responsibilities with respect to flood protection. Mr. John Troutman was asked to relay same to Chief Engineer Harrouch.

President Wilson then read the General Circular No. 2015-14, specific to Proclamation No. 81 BJ 2015, proclaiming Monday, May 25th, 2015 as a legal holiday in the State of Louisiana.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, President Wilson asked to add an item to the agenda specific to the HNTB scope of services as received by Operations Chief Ignacio Harrouch. Commissioner Bell moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to add such item to the agenda. This motion carried unanimously. At this time discussion began. President Wilson explained that Ms. Salins was handing out a cost estimate for the analyses of Reaches LPV 4.2a and 4.2b. Because there is such a 'difference' in the cost of lifting (\$9M to \$13M), Ms. Salins approached CPRA Operations Chief Ignacio Harrouch and discussed PLD utilizing CPRA's consultant, HNTB, to derive at the appropriate lift cost to have an exact figure for this board. He explained that at some point, this is the same work that is going to have to be done to make a rational, business decision concerning the forward path of the SCP HPL, but at this time specifically for both LPV 4.2a and LPV 4.2b. This information was being distributed for consideration next month. At this time, Commissioner Bosco moved, seconded by Commissioner Bell to move this proposal to the finance committee agenda to be held on June 11, 2015. There were no objections, there were no public comments and this motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Bell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Monica Salins, Executive Director

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**