

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, November 18, 2013, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

November 15, 2013

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, November 18, 2013 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Steve Wilson, Marty J. Poche, L.C. Irvin, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Pat Bell, Jerry Savoy and Ricky Bosco. 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 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, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves Engineers, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol, Rhonda Braud of CPRA, Les Waguespack of C.B.&I., Robert Billiot, Jr. and Roy Glapern Jr. of the Beta Group, Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting Group, Henry Picard of BKI, Eric Poche of SJB Group, Timmy Roussel-Parish President and Nickie Monica of Nickie Monica and Associates.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 21, 2013 was offered by Mr. Irvin, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the security meeting held on November 12, 2013. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve travel expenses for the Advisory Decision Milestone meeting to be held in Washington, D.C. on November 20 and 21, 2013 as recommended. The motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Marty Poche reported on the meeting held on November 12, 2013. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: Mr. Jerry Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on November 14, 2013. Mr. Poche moved to approve to allow the PLD Board Attorney, Dwight Poirrier, to negotiate, draft and finalize the Alligator Bayou/Frog Bayou Intergovernmental Agreement between Iberville Parish, Ascension Parish and Pontchartrain Levee District. (*There is no funding commitment at this point) This motion was seconded by Mr. Bell and carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre then moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$74,175.11 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$6,439.07 for the month of October 1 through October 31, 2013 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the St. Charles Parish Tax Collector repayment in the amount of \$553,055.23 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Allen St. Pierre reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on November 14, 2013. 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

Under President's Remarks, members were reminded about the Holiday schedule and were invited to the Thanksgiving Meal at the Maintenance Shop of November 27th. President Wilson asked members to finalize their intentions regarding the ALBL Annual Meetings and Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association in New Orleans and to notify Board Secretary if there were any changes in plans.

OLD BUSINESS

The next agenda item was Executive Session to discuss the West Shore Integrated Draft Feasibility Report. At this time, Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to go into Executive Session for approximately one (1) hour to discuss said matter. Motion carried unanimously and Executive Session began at 6:42 p.m. At 7:43 p.m., Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to return to regular session. This motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to add two (2) items to the agenda. This motion to add items carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to add and authorize PLD to participate and fund \$24,866.00 to complete the levee toe drainage repairs as committed. This motion carried unanimously. The next added item was the resolution concerning the West Shore Integrated Draft Feasibility Report. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve the resolution as amended and read into the record by Mr. Poirrier, Board Attorney. This motion was called to a roll call vote as follows:

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| Yea- | 7 |
| Nay- | 0 |
| Abstain- | 0 |

The resolution was read into the record as follows:

As the Non-Federal Sponsor of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Study, we have reviewed the Integrated Draft Feasibility Report and Environmental Impact Statement.

We, Pontchartrain Levee District, hereinafter referred to as PLD, wish to express our appreciation for the recent commitments of Colonel Richard Hansen and his project team, notably Project Manager Jeffrey Varisco and Environmental Lead Dr. William Klein. We feel as though their support of this long overdue project has been the key in expediting the completion of this report.

PLD also recognizes that our study is one, if not the first, to fit into the Smart Planning Process. That stated, we appreciate the time taken to explain our concerns and questions as we have progressed.

PLD Board of Commissioners, as well as, the communities within the study area have expressed their continued support for Alternative D. We came to this decision because it is believed to provide the greatest protection to all of the communities involved. PLD, as the Non-Federal Sponsor, is familiar with the planning process and supports its use. We recognize and appreciate the value of an informed decision process.

As this project has made its way through the public hearing process, PLD understands the concerns brought forth by elected officials and residents on protection of this four parish area, specifically, St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James and Ascension. The result of these concerns have been and continue to be addressed in a highly professional but still "personal" level, certainly key to easing fears and raising confidence of the residents and businesses.

PLD feels the plan as presented to the Advisory Decision Milestone panel, gives us the best hope of moving forward with adequate Storm Surge Reduction for the area at this time. PLD Board of Commissioners wishes to express our support for this matter before you, and we are committed to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to fully develop flood risk reduction measures for the communities of these study areas.

PLD will continue to pursue and work with other agencies, such as the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Federal Highway Administration, as well as, our direct partner, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, in the development and execution of additional plans that serve this study area that may go beyond what the federal process can justify, not only integrating coastal projects and highway protection projects, but to do what is necessary in order to complete the needed safeguards for residents, businesses and infrastructure.

PLD does authorize, through this resolution, Monica T. Salins, Executive Director of the Pontchartrain Levee District, to present this matter of our opinion to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers at the Advisory Decision Milestone meeting, to be held on November 21st , 2013 and understands that this will be considered the view of PLD.

Thank you for allowing us to participate in this step in the process and we look forward to our continued relationship with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Passed this 18th day of November, 2013 at Litcher, La.

Vote on resolution motioned by Commissioner Marty Poche and seconded by Commissioner Pat Bell, Sr. Vote was as follows:

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| Commissioner Jerry Savoy | Yea |
| Commissioner Pat Bell, Sr. | Yea |
| Commissioner/V.P. L.C. Irvin, Sr. | Yea |
| Commissioner Ricky Bosco | Yea |
| Commissioner Allen St. Pierre, Sr. | Yea |
| Commissioner Marty Poche | Yea |
| President Steve Wilson | Yea |
| East Baton Rouge Commissioner | Vacant Position |
| Iberville Commissioner | Vacant Position |

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| Yea- | 7 |
| Nay- | 0 |
| Abstain- | 0 |

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**