

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, October 20, 2014, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 17, 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, October 20, 2014 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Pat Bell, Sr., Ricky Bosco, L.C. Irvin, Sr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson. Absent was: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins – Executive Director, Dean Smith – Police Captain, Kenny Steib – Levee Board Operations Superintendent 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 GCR & Associates, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of GSA, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Rhonda Braud of CPRA, Henry Picard, III of BKI, John “Juba” Diez of Volkert, Inc., Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting Group, Mike DeFalco of Broussard & Company, and Steve Cali of Cali and LaPlace Engineering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to add an item to the agenda regarding the audit report. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin then moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to deviate from the agenda order and take up the audit report and discussion. The motion to deviate carried unanimously. Mr. Defalco provided members with a copy of said report and began presentation regarding procedures followed and discussed that there were no issues and/or suggestions that arose during this annual audit. PLD was commended on their work and representations by the staff and management. Mr. Defalco stated there were no findings or corrections found. Members thanked Mr. Rouyea and Ms. Salins for their diligence. Members thanked Mr. Defalco for his report. Mr. Bosco then moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to return to the regular agenda order. Motion carried unanimously.

Security/Safety Committee: President Wilson reported on the security meeting held on October 14, 2014. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve to allow PLD’s maintenance of Hunt’s Road as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved,

seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve to move all committee meetings to November 13, 2014 due to conflict with Veteran's Day as recommended by committee. This motion also carried unanimously.

Equipment Committee: President Wilson reported on the meeting held on October 14, 2014. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and Town of Sorrento as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: President Wilson reported on the Finance meeting held on October 16, 2014. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve to move forward with the GSA proposal to complete the DRAFT Comprehensive Concept and Structure Operating Plan for the Proposed Bluff Swamp and Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction Improvements, said proposal dated September 10, 2014 and totaling \$103,000.00 for said efforts as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. The next item on the agenda was regarding Volkert, Inc. and the task of assisting PLD in seeking state funding for the Alligator/Frog Bayou Improvements project. Said Task No 1 – Funding Assistance totaling \$51,320.00 for said efforts as recommended by committee on October 16, 2014. At this time, Mr. Bosco moved to table said matter for 30 days. This motion to table said item was seconded by Mr. St. Pierre. Following discussion, a roll call vote on motion to table was taken. The votes were as follows: Baptiste: YEA, Mr. Bell – YEA, Mr. Bosco – YEA, Mr. Irvin – NAY, Mr. Poche – YEA, Mr. Savoy – YEA, St. Pierre- YEA. Said motion to table matter passed 6-1. Next, Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$91,046.64 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$24,205.60 for the month of September 1, 2014 through September 30, 2014 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Baptiste to approve the invoice from Broussard & Company, CPA's LLC through the Louisiana Legislative Auditor for the fiscal year audit dated 6/30/14 in the amount of \$7,550.00 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on October 16, 2014. There were no action items to report.

Bonfire Committee: President Wilson reported on the Bonfire Meeting which was held on October 16, 2014. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the 2014 Bonfire Guidelines and authorize Board President to sign Christmas Bonfire Program Agreements with all governmental entities as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

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)
- b) St. Charles Urban/Cross Bayou Pump Station (Jack Morgan)
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal (Jake Lambert)
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee (A.J. Domangue)
- e) LaBranche Wetlands

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of January 10, 2014, July 23, 2014 and revised September 10, 2014 from Linda C. LaBure, District Chief of Real Estate, New Orleans Real Estate Region South Division, Real Estate Contracting Officer to Jerome Zeringue, 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 one-year for the access, construction and the operation, maintenance, repair, rehabilitation, and replacement in connection with the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, Levee Armoring Reaches LPV 05.2A and LPV 05.2B , as per the Corps maps entitled “Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity, ARM-01 Levee HPTRM Armoring, LPV 05.2A and LPV 05.2B, B/L Sta. 6+13.90 to B/L Sta. 247+42.13, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, Right of Entry”, file number H-8-47614, Sheet Identification Nos. RE-01 through RE-11, dated September 5, 2014. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve said request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of September 22, 2014 from Linda LaBure, New Orleans District Real Estate Chief, Real Estate 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 one-year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 for vehicle parking areas in connection with Mississippi River Levees annual maintenance dredging at various deep and shallow draft crossings located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, and St. Charles Parish, Louisiana as shown on maps entitled “Red Eye Crossing ROE, Sardine Point Crossing ROE, Medora Crossing ROE, Granada Crossing ROE, Bayou Goula Crossing ROE, Alhambra Crossing ROE, Philadelphia/81 Mile Point Crossing ROE, Smoke Bend Crossing ROE, Rich Bend/Belmont Crossing ROE and Fairview Crossing ROE,” dated November, 2009. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve said request as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of August 4, 2013 from Linda LaBure, New Orleans District Real Estate Chief, Real Estate South Division to Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one-year beginning January 1, 2015 and ending December 31, 2015 to perform surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work on Mississippi River revetments located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles Parish, Louisiana in connection with the Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project as shown on maps entitled “Pontchartrain Levee District Revetment Locations,” sheet identification numbers C-01, CO-2 and C-03 dated July 7, 2014. Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve said request as presented. Motion also carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ms. Salins addressed the Board and reminded members about the MRL Annual Inspection to be held on Wednesday, October 22nd, 2014, and reminded members to contact the office if they needed to make arrangements to attend said inspection. Ms. Salins also advised members that Wes Kungel with Senator Landrieu's office had contacted her the day of the meeting, specific to a visit by Governor O'Malley from Maryland who would be visiting in the near future and wanted to possibly visit a couple of areas within the West Shore project area. Mr. Kungel will advise Ms. Salins in the future of said date, time and more details as same was confirmed.

NEW BUSINESS

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

WHEREAS, **Kernell J. Goudia, Sr.** served as a Commissioner for St. John the Baptist Parish of the Pontchartrain Levee District from June 21, 1984 through December 6, 1996 and from March 17, 1998 through June 16, 2004; and,

WHEREAS, **Kernell J. Goudia, Sr.**, served diligently and with distinction; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from the knowledge of **Kernell J. Goudia, Sr.** and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District are grateful to have had such a dedicated individual; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Kernell J. Goudia, Sr.** upon his death on August 22, 2014; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **Kernell J. Goudia, Sr.**

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

YEA: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell Sr., Ricky Bosco, Leonard Irvin, Sr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Bell:

WHEREAS, **Wayne Ursin** started his tenure with the levee district on April 26, 1977 as a Laborer, Utility and worked his way up to Levee Foreman A at the time of his retirement on April 12, 2012; and

WHEREAS, **Wayne Ursin** diligently and with distinction for 35 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from the supervisory work of **Wayne Ursin**; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District are grateful to have had such a dedicated employee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Wayne Ursin** upon his untimely death on August 23, 2014; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **Wayne Ursin** .

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

YEA: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Leonard Irvin, Sr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

The following resolution was offered by Mr. Irvin and seconded by Mr. Baptiste:

WHEREAS, **Cedric Garlington** started his tenure with the levee district on March 29, 1982 as an Equipment Operator 1 and worked his way up to Mobile Equipment Operator 2 at the time of his retirement on February 25, 1994; and

WHEREAS, **Cedric Garlington** diligently and with distinction for 12 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from the work of **Cedric Garlington**; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District are grateful to have had such a dedicated employee; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of **Cedric Garlington** upon his untimely death on July 22, 2014; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of **Cedric Garlington**.

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

YEA: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Leonard Irvin, Sr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson

NAY: None

ABSENT: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**