

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 17, 2008, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 14, 2008

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, 2008 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Wilson called the meeting to order at 7:13 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Robert "Poncho" Roussel, Webb Harrelson, Steve Wilson, Mike Delaune, Blaine Sheets, Jesse Bartley, Chucky Tillis and Tony Cunningham. Absent was Mrs. Geri Broussard Baloney.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins-Executive Director, Kenny Steib – Levee Maintenance Superintendent, Dwight Poirrier – Legal Counsel and Susan M. Canatella - Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance were: Joe Sevario-Executive Assistant to the Board, Clinton Rouyea - External Accountant and Jimmy Smith - Maintenance Consultant. Special guests included: Misty Evans of Louisiana DOTD, Mona Nosari of G.C.R. & Associates, Henry Picard, III of Burk-Kleinpeter, Larry Ardoin of Louisiana DOTD, Carley Fleming and Lance LaPlace of Cali & LaPlace Engineers, Nathan Junius of LH&J, Les Waguespack of Shaw Coastal and Charlie Raymond of Taggart, Morton.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of February 18, 2008 was offered by Mr. Tillis and seconded by Mr. Roussel and unanimously carried.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Finance Committee: Mr. Jesse Bartley reported on the Finance meeting held on March 11, 2008. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$41,869.71 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Harelson moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to recommend approval of invoices from G.C.R. & Associates in the amount of \$8,154.80 for the period of February 1, 2008 thru February 29, 2008 for Reaches 1B, 2A & 2B. This motion carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to approve increasing the petty cash from \$50.00 to \$100.00 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley moved to have the Legislative Auditors solicit proposals for the district's examination services for auditing for the next three years as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Delaune and carried unanimously. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Harelson to approve half of the expenses for the External Accountant to attend the GFOA Conference on May 7-9, 2008 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to approve allowing the Board President to

execute AR&T task order amendments as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to add approval of the fiscal year 2008-2009 budget to the agenda. This motion carried unanimously. The following resolution was offered by Mr. Harelson and seconded by Mr. Tillis:

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, 2009 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.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Webb Harelson reported on the meeting held on March 11, 2008. There were no action items to report.

Security/Safety Committee: Mr. Blaine Sheets reported on the security meeting held March 17, 2008. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve the Vehicle Safety Fleet Manual as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley then moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve the Emergency Operations Manual updates and amendments as recommended by committee. This motion also carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Mr. Roussel reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on March 17, 2008. Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Bartley to approve the merit increases for April for eligible employees #1161, #12522, #9608 and #11011 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley then moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to add an item to the agenda a regarding performance expectation improvement plan. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to defer employees #5153 and #47125 and move

forward in placing said employees into a performance improvement mode with outlined goals and expectations and re-evaluate said employees no sooner than four (4). This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Cunningham then moved, seconded by Mr. Harelson to approve the extension of sick leave for Employee #8561 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

A report on the Hurricane Protection Levee Project was presented by Mona Nosari.

LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

River Road Historical Society – request of March 13, 2008 concerning permission to park vehicles on the base of the levee during our Spring Festival to be held on April 19 and 20, 2008 in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request. The motion carried unanimously.

Evergreen Baptist Church – request of March 7, 2008 concerning permission to carry out the Reenactment of the Crucifixion of Christ as well as place the crosses in the ground on top of the levee on Good Friday, March 21, 2008, in Paulina, St. James Parish. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request. The motion carried unanimously.

United Way of St. Charles – request of February 14, 2008 concerning permission to use the levee in front of Destrehan Plantation to park cars in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Cunningham moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request. The motion carried unanimously.

Bayou Steel Corporation - request of January 30, 2008 concerning permission to repair an erosion area, at LaPlace, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. Harelson moved, seconded by Mr. Roussel to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 4, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated March 4, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Weber Marine, Inc. – request of February 9, 2008 concerning permission to construct a new waterline crossing, in Union, St. James Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 28, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated March 10, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Huntsman Rubicon Refinery – request of February 13, 2008 through Eustis Engineering Services, LLC for a waiver to the original letter of no objection #08021804 in Ascension Parish. Mr. Delaune moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per waiver letter of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 26, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

E.I. DuPont de Nemours – request of February 22, 2008 through Eagle Environmental Services, Inc. for a waiver to the original letter of no objection #07101553 in Ascension Parish. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per waiver letter of

no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 26, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

AEP Elmwood – request of February 22, 2008 through Entergy Louisiana, LLC concerning permission to install wooden poles and an overhead powerline across the levee in St. James Parish. Mr. Roussel moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated February 26, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated March 12, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

Valero Energy Corporation – request of February 6, 2008 through Eustis Engineering Services, LLC concerning permission to drill soil borings in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Sheets moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to grant a “NO OBJECTION” to this request as per letters of no objection from the Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District dated March 14, 2008 and the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development dated March 13, 2008. The motion carried unanimously.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

At this time, President Wilson explained that a request for a right-of-entry had been received late in the afternoon from the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Wilson requested that this request be added to the agenda for consideration. Mr. Harelson moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to add this request to the Board Agenda. The motion carried unanimously. The following requested was added:

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of March 17, 2008 from Linda C. LaBure, signed by Todd Klock to the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for **a period of 60 days** to perform surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resources investigations, and hazardous, toxic and radioactive wastes (HTRW) assessments and to carry out other exploratory work as may be necessary to complete investigations being made of said lands by the Government in connection with the Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana and Vicinity, Hurricane Protection Project, North of Airline Highway, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The limits of work will be confined to existing right-of-way of the Pontchartrain Levee District at six project locations including Bayou Trepagnier Pumping Station, Cross Bayou Drainage Structure, Gulf South Pipeline Floodwall, St. Rose Drainage Structure, Almedia Drainage Structure and Walker Drainage Structure and confined to existing right-of-way of the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development at one project location including I-310 Floodwall. Said **grant of right-of-entry predicated on PLD receiving project maps from Corps** as referenced in March 17, 2008 request, certification of work to be confined within existing PLD right-of-way and obtaining a project permit/letter of no objection from LaDOTD for accessing the I-310 Floodwall area and reviewed by GCR & Associates for verification. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to grant request predicated on items to be received by PLD. The motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District - request of February 15, 2008 from Linda C. LaBure to the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for a period of 60 days to perform surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resources investigations, and hazardous, toxic and radioactive wastes (HTRW) assessments and to carry out other exploratory work as may be necessary to complete investigations being made of said lands by the Government in connection with the Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana and Vicinity, Hurricane Protection Project, North of Airline Highway, Shell Pipelines Floodwall, Good Hope Floodwall and Canadian National Railroad Gate, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The limits of work will be confined within the DOTD

right-of-way underneath and in the vicinity of the I-310 Interchange, said right-of-entry being secured via a Project Permit from La DOTD and within the existing Reach 1A right-of-way of PLD as shown on the Corps undated drawing entitled "St. Charles" Sheet B-01 of B-01. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Cunningham to grant requested right of entry. This motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of February 26, 2008 from Linda C. LaBure to the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for a period of 12 months to perform surveys only in the LaBranche wetlands area of St. Charles Parish, Louisiana for the purposes of determining water depths in the open water bodies and drainage canals at the locations shown on the Corps undated drawing attached to the letter request. Mr. Roussel moved to grant right of entry as requested. This motion was seconded by Mr. Cunningham and carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of March 3, 2008 from Linda C. LaBure, signed by Janet Cruppi to the Pontchartrain Levee District for right-of-entry for a period of 60 days to perform surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resources investigations, and hazardous, toxic and radioactive wastes (HTRW) assessments and to carry out other exploratory work as may be necessary to complete investigations being made of said lands by the Government in connection with the Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, and Vicinity, Hurricane Protection Project, North of Airline Highway, Shell Pipeline Floodwall, Good Hope Floodwall and Canadian National Railroad Gate, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. The limits of work extend outside of PLD right-of-way as shown on map entitled, "North of Airline Highway Shell Pipeline" dated January 30, 2008, Sheet SY-02, said grant of right-of-entry predicated on PLD notifying private landowner by certified mail with 15 days notice prior to entry unto the property. Mr. Bartley moved to grant right of entry, seconded by Mr. Cunningham. This motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Wilson announced the Annual High Water Inspection on April 10th and 11th, 2008. Mr. Tillis moved, seconded by Mr. Delaune to approve expenses associated with inspection. This motion carried unanimously. At this time, Mr. Tillis moved to add an item to the agenda regarding the upcoming conference being held in Grand Isle April 10-12th, 2008 for the Annual Mayor's Conference and the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana. This motion to add item was seconded by Mr. Delaune and carried unanimously. Mr. Bartley moved, seconded by Mr. Tillis to approve expenses for said conference. Motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, the Executive Director, Ms. Salins gave an update on pending litigation within the district as requested.

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, Ms. Misty Evans of Louisiana DOTD handed out a pamphlet with the findings of the recent inspection. Members briefly discussed some of the issues involving ramps. Brief discussion was had. DOTD commended PLD for a most successful and active year.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Under public comments, President Wilson announced the next CPRA (Coastal Protection & Restoration Authority) Meeting scheduled for Wednesday, March 19, 2008.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Mr. Harelson moved, seconded by Mr. Sheets to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

/s/ Susan M. Canatella
Susan M. Canatella, Secretary

/s/ Steve Wilson
Steve Wilson, President