

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Wednesday, August 24, 2016, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows

August 22, 2016

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 Wednesday August 24, 2016 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman

Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Jerry Savoy, Henry Baptiste, Steve Wilson and Marty J. Poche. Absent: Percy Hebert, Jr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Dean Smith – PLD Police Captain, Kenneth Steib, Sr. - Levee Board Operations Superintendent/Emergency Coordinator. Also, in attendance was Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel.

Special guests included: Henry Picard, III of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., Stephen Braquet and Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, A. J. Domangue of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Jake Lambert of GSA, and Hamid Alizadeh of CBI.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 18, 2016 was offered by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Poche and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner Irvin, Chairman of said committee; who noted there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Meeting held on August 9, 2016.

Equipment Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairman of said committee; who noted there were three items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on August 9, 2016. The first item on the agenda was to approve the adding of two (2) vehicles and a pallet of weed eaters, referenced as Item Nos. 10-11-12 to the

PLD Surplus List previously approved and dated June 30, 2016 as recommended to the committee on August 9, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the transfer of funds from Capital Outlay Line Item 70657, in the amount of \$150,000.00, to Capital Outlay Line Item 70653-R, currently in the amount of \$126,000.00, for a new Capital Outlay Line Item 70653-R total of \$276,000.00 as recommended by committee on August 9, 2016. A motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the equipment repair on the “seasonal” JD 5425 tractor in the amount of \$6,554.71 as recommended on August 9, 2016. A motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Poche. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner Baptiste, Chairman of the Finance Committee, who requested President Wilson continue with reporting. As such, President Wilson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 24, 2016. The first item on the agenda was to approve the advertisement of the Ascension Parish Lease, approximately 80 acres more or less, located in Section 5, Township 9 South, Range 4 East, as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion then carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve Change Order No.*1 for the PLD Administrative Complex/Disaster Response Coordination Center, referencing a credit to PLD of \$4,017.00 and Blount General Contractors, Inc., adding an additional 60 days to the current contract and a new completion date be issued as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was a question from Dwight Poirrier asking, “how do we want to handle future change orders”? President Wilson suggested, “the President or Vice President can call Board members to discuss”. Dwight Poirrier stated that the issue can be addressed at next month’s meeting. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there was no public comments and the

motion carried unanimously. (*Note: Change Order No. 1 actually refers to: COR No. 1: Substitute PVC for Cast Iron (credit of \$5,404.00); COR No. 2: Project Sign (credit of \$400.00); COR No. 3: Add Detention Pond and Remove Catch Basin and Piping (adds \$1,787.00 and 2 days; and COR No. 4: Additional Days for Permitting, Letter of No Objection and Testing Lab (adds 60 days to contract)).

The next item was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$53,251.54 as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve said motion. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$13,587.52 for the month of July 1, 2016 through July 31, 2016 as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$690.00 for computer technical support for the month of June 1, 2016 through June 30, 2016 as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016. Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Poche. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the 408 Endorsement Request as recommended by committee on August 24, 2016 which are as follows:

- 1) **Apex Oil Company** – endorsement request of July 18, 2016 (SJBP)
- 2) **Cargill**- endorsement request of August 22, 2016 (SJBP)

Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner Poche, Chairman of the Personnel Committee; who noted there was nothing to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director LONO Report: The Executive Director's report was in the packet for review. Mrs. Gorman offered her assistance to any of the board members should they have any questions or comments concerning any of the issued LONOs within their packets. She noted that LONO will be issued by PLD on the 10th, 20th and 30th of each month only.

Reports on Projects: Reports were given for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative. Written reports were also in the board members packets.

- a) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection – Henry Picard, III
- b) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station – Jack Morgan
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal – Jake Lambert
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – A.J. Domangue
- e) PLD Administrative Complex Disaster Response Coordinator Center – Steve Braquet

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

National Waterways Conference News Alert – USACE News Dated July 28, 2016
New Director – James Dalton

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

RESOLUTION NO. 1

The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Ricky Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Henry Baptiste:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pontchartrain Levee District of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 24, 2016, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parish for the year 2016, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

General Fund Millage

3.52 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

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

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

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RESOLUTION NO. 2

The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Allen St. Pierre seconded by Commissioner Ricky Bosco:

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Pontchartrain Levee District of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on August 24, 2016 which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year’s maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2016, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2016 Levy</u>
<u>General Fund Millage</u>	<u>3.52 mills</u>	<u>3.53 mills</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2016 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parish shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

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

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Mr. Percy Hebert, Jr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**