

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, December 18, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

December 15, 2017

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 December 18, 2017 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Trey Granier, Percy Hebert, Jr., Jerry Savoy, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: None.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary and Matthew Arceneaux – PLD Police Captain (Detailed). Also in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Special guests included: Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Steve Gourgues of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl & Glenn Shaheen of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Jim Simmons of N.Y. & Associates, Henry Picard of BKI, Dale Hymel from the Port of South LA, Billy Guste of ELOS, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol and Holly Granier. The pledge of allegiance was recited with a moment of silence recognizing past Governor Kathleen Blanco in her time of illness.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 20, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Insurance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held on December 12, 2017. The first item was to renew the 2018 General Liability policy through Eustis Insurance & Benefits, specifically Option 1, in the amount of \$546,026.59 as recommended by committee on December 12, 2017. A motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. After much discussion, a substitute motion was offered by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to change to Option 2; which included adding specific revisions in coverage and all acts of terrorism and including the levee breach coverage, at a cost not to exceed \$544,000.00. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve to renew the 2018 Workers Compensation with CCMCI through Harry Robert Insurance Agency in the amount of \$71,631.00. Payments to be as follows: an initial 25% annual premium down payment and 9 monthly installments, as recommended by the committee on December 12, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on December 12, 2017. Vice President Sheets reported that PLD received the list of eligibles from the LA Dept. of State Civil Service and there were six (6) applicants for the Police Officer 2 position; it was believed that five (5) of the said applicants would be reviewed and possibly set up interviews after the 2018 New Year.

**Equipment Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee held on December 12, 2017.

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Baptiste, Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on December 14, 2017.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$23,138.59 as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$23,168.93 for the month of November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$1,677.50 for the month of October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on December 16, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates, Subcontractor Invoice in the amount of \$9,300.00 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension mitigation work as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association for the 2018 annual dues in the amount of \$200.00 as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from the St. James Parish Assessor for professional services rendered for appraisal of industrial plants in the amount of \$790.77 as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the following 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on December 14, 2017:

- 1) **South Louisiana Fill Materials, LLC** – request of August 28, 2017, concerning permission to expand an existing ramp located on LA 942 over the Mississippi River levee, River Mile Marker 172, between levee stations 2830+00 and 2840+00, at Darrow, Louisiana in Ascension Parish.

**Public Comments:** None. Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

- 2) **Shell Chemical** – request of November 3, 2016, through Morphy, Makofsky, Inc., concerning permission to construct a path for heavy equipment transport and transporting of heavy equipment along the levee crest on the St. Charles Hurricane Protection levee, adjacent to the Bonnet Carre' Spillway, in St. Charles Parish.

**Public Comments:** None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee; who stated 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.

**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. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard, III
- c) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station – Jack Morgan, E-G
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal/Hwy.22 – Kimberly Koehl, GSA – Report in packet.
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Steve Gourgues, GCR
- g) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project – Chris Williams

#### **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

#### **PRESIDENT’S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

Monica Salins Gorman recognized donations from various companies and thanked all. Commissioner St. Pierre echoed Ms. Gorman and thanked Mr. Steib’s crew for their help.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Granier moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District