

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, January 22, 2018, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 19, 2018

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 January 22, 2018 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:10 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, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Henry Picard of BKI, Bryan Gossman of CPRA, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, Steve Cali of Cali LaPlace Engineers, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake and State Representative Ken Brass. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 18, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report on the Equipment Committee meeting held on January 9, 2018.

Equipment Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee held on January 9, 2018.

Finance Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on January 11, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve to renew the Contract for Inspection, Operation and Maintenance of the Cross Bayou Pump Station with BLD Services, LLC, for another one (1) year as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve to renew the Contract for Emergency, Operation and Maintenance Services for the Cross Bayou Pump Station with BLD Services, LLC, for another one (1) year as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the Coastal Use Permit Application (P20141397) processing fee for the proposed expansion of the Laurel Ridge Levee in the amount of \$5,900.00 as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$30,952.06 as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 \$18,016.43 for the month of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. 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 \$1,144.36 for the month of November 1, 2017 through November 30, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2018 annual membership dues as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Legislative meetings in Washington, DC on March 5-7, 2018 as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the National Hurricane Conference in Orlando, FL on March 26-29, 2018 as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was 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 following 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018:

- 1) Shell Chemical – request of October 20, 2017, concerning permission to transport equipment at the Cross Bayou Pump Station for the purpose of repairing three (3) anomalies on its Norco – Kenner 8” pipeline by an existing waterway that begins at the Hurricane Protection Levee approximately 2700’ east of the Cross Bayou Pump Station; the equipment will be transported along the levee road and down the slope of the levee to the canal; across to the levee, will be at the bridge off of Highway 61 in St. Charles 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.

Next item was to approve the GSA proposal dated January 3, 2018, specific to the Final Design portion of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension (LRLE) in the amount of \$491,702.85; AND for the PLD Board Attorney to create the Intergovernmental Agreement (IGA) between PLD and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District (EACGDD) specific to the LRLE project, addressing any and all components to move this project to completion, including but not limited to construction oversight, responsibilities as they relate to the construction of said project, wetland monitoring, perpetual operation and maintenance and any and all other discussion, approval and execution, prior to the PLD President executing the same; AND to allow PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute said IGA and any and all necessary paperwork associated with LRLE as recommended by committee on January 11, 2018.

Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Mona Nosari, GCR
- g) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project – Chris Williams (Monica Gorman) No change from last month.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

All February Committee Meetings will be held on Thursday, February 15th, 2018; offices are closed on Tuesday, February 13th, 2018 due to 2018 Mardi Gras holiday. Monica Salins Gorman recognized Representative Ken Brass.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Savoy and seconded by Vice President Sheets :

WHEREAS, Clinton Rouyea, Jr. started his tenure with the levee district on February 5, 1982 as the External Accountant until his retirement on October 5, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Clinton Rouyea, Jr. served diligently and with distinction for 35 years; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from the work of Clinton Rouyea, Jr.; and,

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

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby wish him well on his retirement; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board .

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

YEA: Ricky Bosco, Blaine J. Sheets, Jerry Savoy, Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Henry Baptiste, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux

NAY: None.

ABSENT: None.

The resolution was declared adopted. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hebert moved, seconded by Vice President Sheets to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District