

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, July 20, 2015, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

July 17, 2015

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, July 20, 2015 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr. Leonard C. Irvin, Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson. Absent was Ricky Bosco.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins – Executive Director, Dean Smith – Police Captain 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 G.C.R. & Associates, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves Engineers, Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol, John Troutman of CPRA, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Hamid Alizadeh of C.B.& I., Jeffery Varisco of USACE, Jessica Miles, Karl Rothermel and John “Juba” Diez of Volkert, Steve Cali of CLE, Eric Poche of SJB Group, Wanda Taylor and Jay Thomas of Big Shake and Pamela Burleigh of MSMM Engineering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 15, 2015 was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

At this time, President Wilson stated that an item needed to be added to the Finance Committee Report. Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Vice President Irvin to add an item to the Finance section concerning the St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project. This motion to add said item carried unanimously.

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Irvin reported on the security meeting held on July 14, 2015. There were no action items to report.

Equipment Committee: Mr. Allen St. Pierre reported on the meeting held on July 14, 2015. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: President Wilson reported on the Finance meeting held on July 16, 2015. Commissioner Savoy moved, seconded by Vice President Irvin to approve the contract addendum to the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension for preliminary real estate services and continued permitting efforts as per the GSA Engineers proposal dated July 13, 2015 in an amount not to exceed \$208,300.00 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. It was noted that timeline was five (5) months.

Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to approve to comply with the 2015 Louisiana Legislative Session changes to LA R.S. 38:308, as amended by HB 709, specific to the change in per diem rates effective August 1, 2015 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Hebert moved to approve to proceed with the negotiations of the borrow and necessary LERDDS for the St. Gabriel Levee Lift, site being the Bocage Plantation as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Bell and carried unanimously.

Vice President Irvin then moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$54,999.10 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Poche to approve the invoices from G.C.R. and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$51,755.46 for the month of June 1, 2015 through June 30, 2015 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner St. Pierre moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$9,465.00 for review of Reach 1A, LPV 04.2A and Cheval Subdivision as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Irvin moved, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$41.40 for the fee of the website domain as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Vice President Irvin to approve the invoices from Methods, Inc. in the amount of \$10,900.00 for the annual software license fees for Progress, Payroll, Budgetary, Direct Deposit and LogMeIn as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner St. Pierre moved to approve the invoice from Louisiana Department of State Civil Service for the pro rata share in the amount of \$14,503.00 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Savoy and also carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was regarding expenses for the annual Association of Levee Board's conference. At this time, Commissioner Bell moved to amend this matter and add the Mississippi Flood Control conference as well. Motion to amend this matter was seconded by Commissioner Poche and carried unanimously. Commissioner Hebert then moved, seconded by Vice President

Irvin to approve the expenses for the 75th Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana and Mississippi Flood Control conferences held in New Orleans, Louisiana, on December 2-5, 2015. This amended motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was added pertaining to the St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project. At this time, discussion was had relative to PLD's participation and a task force that had been created by St. James and Ascension Parishes. St. James Parish reached out to the levee district for representation on the task force, specifically Commissioner Marty Poche. Commissioner Poche of St. James Parish served on the task force at the request of St. James President Roussel. No one from Ascension Parish contacted the levee district about one of our 3 commissioners serving as a representative for Ascension Parish to date. Much discussion was had regarding the funding requests known at the present time. Following much discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Poche and seconded by Commissioner Irvin that PLD would support the task force proposal as presented by Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., and would pledge the financial support of requested, representing one-half (1/2) of the total study, i.e. \$488,800.00, as well as, pledging the financial support of Ascension Parish's one-fourth (1/4) share if necessary, i.e. \$199,300.00 for a total of \$688,100.00. Said motion passed unanimously and instructions were given to BKI representative that no work was to be done in Ascension Parish until such time as the levee district could reach out to Ascension Parish and see where there were issues with said proposal and project were in order to address same and work together towards an amicable resolution to provide flood protection from Ascension Parish, in conjunction with the work being done in St. James Parish. There were still details remaining and the PLD Board Counsel would compile such agreement(s) and/or contract(s) necessary to said motion and same would be presented to the board at a later date for final approval.

Personnel Committee: Commissioner Poche reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on July 16, 2015. There were no action items to report.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director Report in packets

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
- b) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal/Frog-Alligator Bayou DRAFT Comprehensive Plan
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- e) LaBranche Shoreline Protection Progress
- f) Amite River Diversion Canal Weir Rehabilitation Progress
- g) PLD EOC/Headquarters Progress

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Wilson announced the Mississippi River Commission Low Water Inspection Public Meeting will be in Morgan City on August 21, 2015 at 9:00 a.m. Members were invited and asked to notify Board Secretary so arrangements could be made.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

At this time, President Wilson called on Mr. Jeff Varisco who gave an update relative to the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Levee Chief's Report. Members thanked Mr. Varisco and Mr. Picard for their diligence and work in order to keep this project.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Bell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Susan M. Sheets, Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**