

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 19, 2018, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 16, 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 immediately following budget public hearing which starts at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 19, 2018 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

Vice President Blaine Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Jerry Savoy, Percy Hebert, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Henry Baptiste, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Ricky Bosco and Trey Granier.

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.

Special guests included: Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Steve Gourgues of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Henry Picard of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Glenn Shaheen of GSA and Billy Guste of ELOS Environmental.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 19, 2018 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:** Vice President Sheets Chairperson of said committee noted that there were no items to report on the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on March 13, 2018.

**Equipment Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported that there were no items to report on the Equipment Committee meeting held on March 13, 2018.

**Finance Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 15, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$35,295.13 as recommended by committee on March 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$22,407.36 for the month of February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 as recommended by committee on March 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR Inc. for computer technical support in the amount of \$969.68 for the month of December 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017 as recommended by committee on March 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association for the 2018-2019 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,000.00 as recommended by committee on March 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice 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. Also, as directed by Vice President Sheets, she distributed a copy of the cost of construction of the West Shore Hurricane Protection Project. Vice President Sheets wanted board members to be aware of the costs associated with this levee protection project. Mrs. Gorman also mentioned that Coastal Day at the Capitol will be April 3, 2018, 4:30 p.m. at the Pentagon Barrack Courtyard.

**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 – Glenn Shaheen, GSA
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Glenn Shaheen, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Steve Gourgues, GCR

### RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

## PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Mississippi River Commission High Water Public Meeting at the New Orleans District Dock on Friday, April 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. (further details of the boat ride to come). If any of the board members would like to attend, please let Monica Salins Gorman know.

### OLD BUSINESS

None.

### NEW BUSINESS

Adopt Fiscal Year Budget Ending June 30, 2019.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Baptiste and seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux:

**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, 2019 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.

Public Comments: None

There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the resolution carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President  
Pontchartrain Levee District