

The Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, November 18, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

November 15, 2019

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 November 18, 2019 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

Commissioner Senecca Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Percy Hebert, Jr., Ricky Bosco, Blaine J. Sheets and Henry Baptiste.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary and Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Captain. Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners. Special guests included: Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jane Dufour of GCR, Inc., Kimberly Koehl of GSA, David Boyd of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish and Trey Simon & Chad Kropp of IUL, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM and Mike DeFalco, managing partner of Broussard & Company, CPAs.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 21, 2019 was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Boudreaux then requested to take up “New Business” first as Mike DeFalco, CPA, had to get to Shreveport this evening and had a long drive ahead of him. Mr. DeFalco thanked members and addressed them concerning the PLD Fiscal Year Audit Ending June 30, 2019. Review and discussion was had amongst members and Mr. DeFalco. The PLD office staff was thanked and complimented for their knowledge, professionalism and courtesies during the audit. Mr. DeFalco also noted that, again, PLD did not have any findings and/or suggestions and noted that said operations were being run efficiently and again complimented PLD management for year after year success and proficiency.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Commissioner Boudreaux noted that in the absence of Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee, there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on November 14, 2019.

**Equipment Committee:** Commissioner Boudreaux called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on November 14, 2019.

The first item was to approve the repair to the 2008 Hyundai Excavator in the amount of \$11,000.00, as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on November 14, 2019.

The first item was to approve the renewal of the Inspection, Operation and Maintenance of the Cross Bayou Pump Station through BLD Services for an additional one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2020, and to approve PLD President to execute said contract as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. 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 public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the renewal of the Emergency Operation and Maintenance Services for the Cross Bayou Pump Station through BLD Services for an additional one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020, and to approve PLD President Ricky Bosco to execute said contract as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. A motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$70,588.14 for the month of October 2019, as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 the invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling 75,216.44 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$12,204.04; and WSLP - \$63,012.40) said invoicing representing the fees from October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$73,021.35 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. This motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Granier. Commissioner Jerry Savoy – Abstained. Public Comments: PLD Legal Counsel, Dwight Poirrier, advised that because PLD did not have a quorum, this item would need to be held and would be taken up again at the December 2019 meeting. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the item will be addressed at the December 2019 meeting.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$3,613.41 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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, Inc. for computer technical support in the amount of \$287.50 for October 1, 2019 through October 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Commissioner Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee who noted that there were no items to report from the Personnel Committee held on November 14, 2019.

**Insurance Committee:** Commissioner Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Wilson, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held November 14, 2019.

The first item was to approve to accept and proceed with the renewal coverages (GL, Auto, Property, Inland Marine, Crime & Cyber, Excess Crime, D&O, Law Enforcement and Excess) for 2020 as presented by IUL in the amount of \$387,428.67; and to approve the Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure Plan in the amount of \$6,142.00; and to approve the Flood Coverage in the amount of \$6,999.00, as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda items was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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 accept and proceed with the renewal of the Workers Compensation coverage with LWCC for 2020 in the amount of \$73,640.00 as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item 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.

### 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 the information she provided or the LONOs issued within the past month and in 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 – David Boyd
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – David Boyd
- c) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station – Jack Morgan, E-G
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal/Hwy.22 – Kim Koehl, GSA
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Jane Dufour, GCR
- g) Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project – Nathan Junius, LH&J

### RIGHTS OF ENTRY

**Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District** - request of September 20, 2019, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division to Ricky Bosco, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2020 and ending December 31, 2020, for access and vehicle parking in connection with annual maintenance dredging at various deep and shallow draft crossings located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as shown on drawings entitled "Red Eye Crossing ROE, Sardine Point Crossing ROE, Medora Crossing ROE, Granada Crossing ROE, Bayou Goula Crossing ROE, Alhambra Crossing ROE, Philadelphia/81 Mile Point Crossing ROE, Smoke Bend Crossing ROE, Rich Bend/Belmont Crossing ROE and Fairview Crossing ROE," dated November, 2009. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** – Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to requests of September 21, 2018, revised October 22, 2018, October 8, 2019, and October 10, 2019 for right of entry, with ingress and egress, to conduct surveys and other investigations for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System project, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Map File No. H-44-8214, Sheet Nos. G-001 – G-008 and C-001 – C-023, September 2018, last revised October 8, 2019, for a period of 12 months, beginning November 27, 2019 and ending November 26, 2020. This AFE covers lands owned by property owners who were notified by letter sent certified mail of the intended surveys pursuant to governing statute. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Just a reminder: Official PLD Office Closure will be Thursday, November 28, 2019 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 29, 2019 (Acadian Day).

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

\*Said item was taken up at the beginning on the board meeting\* Presentation – Fiscal Year Audit Ending June 30, 2019 – Mike DeFalco – Broussard & Company.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Granier to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Seneca Boudreaux, Commissioner/  
Acting President  
Pontchartrain Levee District