

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, September 16, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

September 13, 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 September 16, 2019 at the Lutchet Office, Lutchet, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

Vice President Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Henry Baptiste (arrived at 6:14 p.m.), Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Ricky Bosco.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Kenneth Steib, Sr. – Levee Board Operations Superintendent/Emergency Coordinator, Kelly Poche-Administrative Assistant 5 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: Anthony Goodgion of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jane Dufour of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Henry Picard & David Boyd of BKL, John Troutman of CPRA, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, Trey Simon of IUL, Patrick St. Pierre – Mayor/Town of Lutchet, R.J. St. Pierre – Operations Superintendent of the Town of Lutchet, Chief Dwan Bowser – LPD, Timmy Roussel – St. James Parish President, Senator Ed Price and Representative Ken Brass.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 19, 2019 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on September 10, 2019.

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on September 10, 2019.

The first item was to approve the Act of Donation from PLD to the Town of Sorrento regarding five (5) pieces of surplus equipment, referenced in the CEAs of 2008 and 2014, as recommended by committee on September 10, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on September 12, 2019.

The first item was to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with St. James Parish for the back-water Airline Project and Capital Outlay Funding 2019 and authorize PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute same, as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: Mrs. Gorman stated, "Let it be known that St. James Parish Councilman Shark St. Pierre called the PLD office prior to the meeting and he wanted it read into the record that he is not sure where the money is coming from on his side. This is not a done deal. St. Pierre stated that this was too preliminary and there are too many holes in the IGA." Dwight Poirrier gave a recap of the process in reference to the financial commitment needed from St. James Parish, in order to move forward with the project. Also, this motion is contingent upon said contract

passing with the St. James Parish council. Parish President Roussel came forward and reassured the Board that St. James Parish will have the money needed to move forward. A motion to approve said agenda item, contingent upon St. James Parish council agreement, 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 Professional Services Contract proposed for Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for the back-water Airline Project and Capital Outlay Funding 2019 and authorize PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute same, as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: Also, this motion is contingent upon said contract passing with the St. James Parish council. Motion to approve said agenda item, contingent upon St. James Parish council agreement, was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. 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 and authorize PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute Termination of Lease and Abandonment of Collateral with related documents with Duhon Machinery, as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 \$59,023.58 for the month of August, as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Baptiste, 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 the invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling 71,987.10 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$10,012.09; and WSLP - \$61,975.01) said invoicing representing the fees from August 1, 2019 through August 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$39,336.23 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Jerry Savoy – Abstain. 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$1,806.71 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. 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 \$1,203.36 for July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 Central Auction House, Ltd. in the amount of \$400.00 for the annual fee as recommended by committee on September 13, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Savoy made said motion, 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 National Waterways Conference in the amount of \$1,500.00 for the annual membership dues as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the 79th Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, December 4-5, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. 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 expenses for the 84th Annual Meeting of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association, December 5-7, 2019, in New Orleans, Louisiana as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner St. Pierre 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 following 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on September 12, 2019:

Cox Communications – request of September 9, 2019, concerning permission to bore coax cable encased in 2” conduit across the Mississippi River levee, vicinity of second order levee station 194+06 in Iberville Parish. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Personnel Committee held on September 12, 2019.

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 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 – 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 – Kimberly 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 – Anthony Goodgion, LH&J

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District - request of August 28, 2018, revised December 10, 2018, revised February 26, 2019 and last revised April 17, 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 two (2) years, for two (2) perpetual utility easements needed to construct a seepage control project in connection with the Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Upper Pontchartrain, Item M-225-L, B/L Sta. 160+00 to B/L Sta. 181+00, Seepage Control Project, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana (ED-18-070) and maps entitled, “Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Upper Pontchartrain LD – Seepage Control, Item M-227-L, B/L Sta. 160+00 to B/L Sta. 181+00, Right-of-Way, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana,” Map File Number H-8-48193, Sheets R-01 through R-05, dated August 10, 2018, last revised April 8, 2019. Release of Authorization for Entry to the Corps is predicated upon PLD securing the one remaining perpetual utility easement from two property owners.

Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Vice President Sheets welcomed Kelly Poche back to work from her sick leave and mentioned that she has stayed to visit with board members after the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Vice President Sheets mentioned that the Board members will be leaving Sunday for the Washington D.C. trip. And he reminded members that the ALBL in New Orleans will be December 4 and 5th, 2019, please let Ms. Bush know if you are going.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District