

The Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, April 20, 2020, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 16, 2020

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the State of Louisiana Executive Department Proclamation No. 37 JBE-2020, the Pontchartrain Levee District shall conduct the monthly Board Meeting via teleconference in order to adhere to the Governor's "stay home" order. The monthly committee meetings for April shall be cancelled. The board meeting shall be conducted at its regularly scheduled date and time, namely, April 20, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., CST. Any public comments shall be submitted prior to that date and time via email (mgorman@leveedistrict.org). The teleconference number shall be posted on Monday, April 20, 2020 (Toll Free No. 1-866-244-8528, Passcode: 654931#). Thank you for your support and understanding.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

Monica Salins Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Gorman called the roll. The following members were present on the conference call: Messrs. Trey Granier, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste, Percy Hebert, Jr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Leonard J. Wilson, Jr. and Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees on conference call were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary and Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Chief. Also, on conference call were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Special guests via conference call included Henry Picard and David Boyd of BKI, and Nathan Junius of LH&J.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 16, 2020 was offered by Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

BOARD AGENDA ITEMS

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$45,942.93 for the month of March 2020. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, 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 was to approve the invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling 82,393.37 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$2,823.19; Laura Ridge - \$299.19 and WSLP - \$79,270.99) said invoicing representing the fees from March 1, 2020 through March 31, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Baptiste, 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 invoice from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$17,888.30 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Granier. Commissioner Jerry Savoy – Abstain. There was no other discussion, 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 \$4,023.95 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous). Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association for the 2020-2021 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,000.00. Public Comments: Commissioner Boudreaux asked, “Has the ALBL 2020 Spring Conference in Baton Rouge been cancelled?” Mrs. Gorman answered, “Yes, due to the COVID-19 situation, it has been cancelled and the ALBL Fall New Orleans conference may be modified in December, as well.” The motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve to amend the current CEA between PLD and the Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club (the ‘Club’) to reflect a minimal yearly lease amount due to the PO-75 project forthcoming, but said Club will continue to carry liability insurance on the property, naming PLD as an additional insured; said CEA amendment to be negotiated and prepared by PLD Board Counsel, Dwight Poirrier. Public Comments: Dwight Poirrier stated that the initial project was scheduled before hunting season, therefore the Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club is asking for some type of relief on rental payment. After much discussion, it was the recommendation of the Board Counsel for PLD to prorate the amount charged on the lease for Bonne Carre Rod & Gun Club. The motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 fee proposal from BKI – WSLP Pump Station Value Engineering Study to be held through USACE Via virtual webex TBD from May 18th through May 22, 2020 in the amount NTE \$18,162.00. Public Comments: It was stated that this will be an all-day event, for the entire week BKI participants will be Henry Picard and Danny Calluta. Henry Picard of BKI mentioned that the goal is to get the lowest O&M cost. The motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the fee proposal from BKI – WSLP St. James Polder – Value Engineering Study to be held through USACE via virtual webex on May 4th through May 8, 2020 in the amount NTE \$14,850.00, BKI participants will be Henry Picard and Danny Calluta. Public Comments: Henry Picard gave an update. The motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

1. Police Report by Captain Matthew Arseneaux
2. Safety Report by Kenneth Steib, Sr.
3. Executive Director Report by Monica Salins Gorman

Monica Gorman referenced that all of the reports are in the packets for review. Should any board member have questions or comments concerning the reports, please do not hesitate to contact each individual responsible for that report.

Reports on Projects: Project, written reports are within the commissioners packets for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative. (The only update given by a consultant was given by Henry Picard and David Boyd).

- a) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection – Henry Picard/David Boyd, BKI
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard/David Boyd, BKI
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal/Hwy.22 – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- d) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- e) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Jane Dufour, GCR

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Bosco mentioned that the meeting scheduled with St. John Parish President has been postponed until a later date. Also, President Bosco thanked everyone for their attendance via teleconference and stated that he is looking forward to getting back to some normalcy.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dwight Poirrier – Discussion and approval of the Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right-of-Way Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority specific to the LaBranche East Marsh East Marsh Creation (PO-0075) Project (hereinafter referred to as Project) located in, on, or over a portion of PLD's property interests referenced below. Said Project will be publicly funded and shall be located on the following described property interest, including expressly, but not limited to, any interest in lands or water-covered lands which might be owned by PLD, to-wit:

Those lands located in Section 37, Township 11 South – Range 8 East; Sections 44, 45, 48, 49, and 51, Township 11 South – Range 9 East; St. Charles Parish, Louisiana all further described and shown as Pontchartrain Levee District on within said Temporary Easement, Servitude and Right of Way Agreement.

This agreement shall become effective upon the date of the signature of CPRA, and shall remain in effect for a term of twenty- five (25) years unless sooner released by CPRA. Public Comments: One (1) correction, term is only for twenty (20) years and project is fully funded through CPRA. The motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

2. Discussion and approval to pay the OMI Environmental Solutions bills totaling \$806,809.74, in full or in part, from the Cross Bayou Pump Station incident, reserving all pending rights for payments and/or reimbursement against any third party or party deemed responsible for the January 21, 2020 diesel spill. Public Comments: Dwight Poirrier mentioned that the project is complete and is on the agenda for discussion. After much discussion, Mr. Poirrier recommended that PLD hold off for ten (10) days, waiting to hear from the insurance company, before moving on this item.

NEW BUSINESS

Ms. Gorman reminded members that the Tier 2.1 Personal Financial Disclosure Statement as required by the Louisiana Board of Ethics per the board requirements are due on May 15, 2020.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Savoy moved, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:13 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District