

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

January 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 Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,  
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste\*, Pat Bell, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Percy Hebert, Jr., L.C. Irvin, Sr., Marty J. Poche, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Steve Wilson. Note: \*Absent at roll call.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins – Executive Director and Susan M. Sheets - Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue and Mona Nosari of GCR & Associates, Jake Lambert of GSA, Jack Morgan and Ashlyn Graves of Evans-Graves Engineers, Tim Harper of CPRA, Henry Picard and Gasper Chifici of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Steven Thesman, Nathan Junius and Stephen Braquet of Linfield Hunter & Junius, Terri Dupre of Meyer Engineers and Charlie Raymond of Charles A. Raymond, LLC.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 15, 2014 was offered by Mr. Bell and seconded by Mr. Bosco. This motion also carried unanimously.

At this time, President Wilson addressed the Board and members and offered an apology for the venting which occurred at the committee meeting Thursday and stated that was no way to conduct business. There was no further discussion.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Mr. Poche reported on the security meeting held on January 13, 2015 and stated there were no action items to report.

**Equipment Committee:** Mr. Poche reported on the equipment meeting held on January 13, 2015. Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve to remove PLD JD Tractor No. 23 from the fleet due to the mechanical issues with the transmission as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on January 15, 2015. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the amendment and update regarding attorney, Charles Raymond's representation by PLD, specifically, incorporating the latest Louisiana Attorney General/Attorney fee schedule dated September 15, 2014 from Louisiana Attorney General James "Buddy" Caldwell as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Hebert moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$39,043.61 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the invoice from GCR and Associates for the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection 100 year protection in the amount of \$11,065.90 for the month of December 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$1,596.10 for review of BREC fence as recommended by committee. This motion also carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Hebert to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$17,616.42 for review of the New PLD Administrative Complex as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$172.50 for computer technical support for the month of November 1, 2014 through November 30, 2014 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre then moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the annual membership dues for the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana (ALBL) in the amount of \$2,000.00. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association (MVFCA) spring meetings in Washington, D.C. for March 16-18, 2015 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the expenses for the annual National Hurricane Conference in Austin, Texas from March 30, through April 2, 2015 as recommended by committee. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the GCR & Associates contract renewal and 5% rate increase as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bell moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to proceed with discussion with Amite River Basin Committee (ARBC) regarding a potential Intergovernmental Agreement with ARBC, as well as PLD preparing a subsequent proposal specific to the Amite River/Amite River Diversion Hydraulic Modeling, Design, Permitting and bidding for said project as recommended by committee. It was noted that LD attorney will develop said task for proposal submission. This motion carried unanimously.

\*At 6:16 p.m. Mr. Baptiste arrived and took his seat at table.

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. St. Pierre reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on January 15, 2015. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve to move the February 16, 2015 board meeting, due to the Mardi Gras state holiday, to February 23, 2015. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin then moved, seconded by Mr. Bell to approve to move the March 16, 2015 board meeting, due to Annual MVFCA Spring Meetings in Washington, D.C. to March 23, 2015 as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously.

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## **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director's Written Report was in packet.

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
- f) PLD New Administrative Complex (Brief PowerPoint Presentation)

Following presentation regarding the new administrative complex by Mr. Braquet, Mr. Savoy asked a few questions relative to the vault and board room size. President Wilson also questioned the time frame for construction. Discussion was had. At this time, Board Attorney, Mr. Poirrier, advised members as a point of interest that the landowner for the piece of property to the right of PLD had contacted him with an interest to sell. More discussion was had. Mr. Poirrier would meet with said landowner and report back findings.

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

President Wilson asked reminded members to notify the Board Secretary regarding their intentions on attending said upcoming conferences and meetings so reservations could be made.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time, Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

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**Susan M. Sheets, Secretary**

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**Steve Wilson, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District**