

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, August 17, 2015, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

August 14, 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 Monday, August 17, 2015 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,  
Executive Director

Vice-President L.C. Irvin called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste\*, Pat Bell\*, Ricky Bosco, Percy Hebert, Marty Poche, Allen St. Pierre and Jerry Savoy. Absent was President Steve Wilson. (\*Mr. Baptiste arrived at 6:09 and took his seat at the table. Mr. Bell arrived at 6:12 and also took his seat at the table.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins – Executive Director, Dean Smith – Police Captain, Jerri Henderson – Administrative Coordinator 4 and Susan M. Sheets - Secretary to the Board. Also in attendance was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Attorney, Clinton Rouyea – External Accountant and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Special guest included: A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves Engineers, John Troutman of CPRA, Tommy Martin of Stuart Consulting Group, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Hamid Alizadeh of C.B.& I, Steve Cali of Cali Engineers, Terri Dupre of Meyer Engineers, Karl Rothermel of Volkert, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, and members of the St. Rose Deer Club, specifically, Bobby Lee, Russel Viola, Sean Bent, Robert Canedo, Rob LeBlanc, Wayne Williams and Emmett Pierre.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 20, 2015 was offered by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Bosco and carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Commissioner Irvin reported on the security meeting held on August 11, 2015. There were no action items.

**Equipment Committee:** Commissioner St. Pierre reported on the meeting held on August 11, 2015. There were no action items to report.

**Finance Committee:** \*Commissioner Baptiste arrived and took his seat at table. The Executive Director read each of the agenda items and Vice-President Irvin called for public

comment(s), motion(s), and a call for the vote. The first item was to approve the Right of Entry (ROE) onto PLD property within the Bluff Swamp Basin, approximately 120+/- acres, per email dated August 5, 2015, from Spanish Lake Restoration for no longer than twelve (12) months from the date of ROE execution; for the purpose of installing one (1) fixed instrumentation (water monitor) to measure the water elevations in Bluff Swamp; ROE to be drafted, reviewed and final composition of same by PLD Board Counsel with any and all terms as deemed proper and necessary for PLD; allowing President Steve Wilson to execute same once finalized and as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was to approve to proceed with a Professional Services Contract with Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., for the St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Flood Protection Project as approved at the PLD Board Meeting on July 20, 2015 and as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was offered by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There were no public comments and the matter carried unanimously.

Next was to approve to have PLD Board Counsel to issue said task order to allow Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., to do only the St. James portion of the St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Flood Protection Project as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was offered by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

\*At 6:12 p.m., Commissioner Bell arrived at the meeting and took his seat at the table. Approve to advertise for competitive bids, pursuant to the Louisiana Public Bid law, for the Pontchartrain Levee District EOC/Administrative Building in Lusher, LA, as per the plans presented and prepared by Linfield, Hunter & Junius, subject to final review by the PLD Board Counsel as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was made by Commissioner Baptiste and seconded by Commissioner Bosco. There were no public comments. The matter carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$71,576.54 as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion as made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There were no public comments. Motion called to a vote and also carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$41,370.50 for the month of July 1, 2015 through July 31, 2015 as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Bell. There were no public comments. Motion also carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$7,620.00 for review of LPV Armoring and Cheval Subdivision as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. This motion was made by Commissioner Bell, seconded by Commissioner Poche. There were no public comments. The motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the expenses for Commissioner Savoy to attend the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Executive Committee Meeting for State Vice Presidents on Monday, August 24, 2015 in West Memphis, Arkansas as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. Commissioner Hebert moved seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve said motion. There were no public comments. Motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the expenses for the 34th Annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Breakfast meeting on September 27th through October 1, 2015 in Washington, DC as recommended by committee on August 13, 2015. Commissioner St. Pierre made the motion and Commissioner Bosco seconded. There were no public comments. This motion also carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Commissioner Poche reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on August 13, 2015. There were no action items to report.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

The Executive Director, Ms. Salins stated that her report was in the packet and stated that due to the river stage dropping, a number of Letter of No Objections were granted and were available for review or questions.

Project 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. Mr. Savoy questioned Mr. Lambert relative to activity or work by Ascension Parish. Mr. Lambert stated that survey work by the Parish was underway. Mr. Savoy advised to notify the Hunting Clubs in the area and to be sure survey crews wear bright colors.
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- e) LaBranche Shoreline Protection Progress
- f) Amite River Diversion Canal Weir Rehabilitation Progress
- g) PLD EOC/Administrative Progress

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

The Executive Director, Ms. Salins, reminded members that Colonel Richard Hansen would be at PLD Headquarters on Wednesday, August 19<sup>th</sup> and invited all members to attend. Ms. Salins also notified members that Mr. Tony Brocato of Evan-Graves Engineers had passed away earlier in the day and staff would forward the burial arrangements when notified.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, members of the St. Rose Deer Club wished to address the Board concerning their complaint regarding denial of access to their property. Mr. Robert Canedo, represented himself and members and approached the podium to address the Board. Mr. Canedo provided a written packet to all members which was entitled Unjust Denial of Access to Property. Board Attorney, Mr. Poirrier advised Mr. Canedo he would be allowed three (3) minutes to address said issue. Mr. Canedo discussed his written complaint and stated that St. Rose Deer Club sought to file a Complaint of Misconduct against Monica Salins, Executive Director of PLD and the PLD Police Department. Following some discussion, Mr. Savoy stopped said comments and stated that this was indeed a public meeting but the three (3) minutes was well over. He stated that the report would be reviewed and the Board would take matter under advisement and would reply to said complaint after a full review.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time, Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:36 p.m.

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**Susan M. Sheets, Secretary**

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**L.C. Irvin, Vice-President  
Pontchartrain Levee District**