

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, August 19, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

August 16, 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 August 19, 2019 at the Lutch Office, Lutch, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

President Bosco 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., Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Jerry Savoy.

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 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, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, David Boyd of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake and Trey Simon of IUL.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 15, 2019 was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco 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 August 13, 2019.

**Equipment Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on August 13, 2019.

The first item was to approve the recommendation by the Levee Board Operations Superintendent, Kenny Steib, Sr., to declare the following tractors, vehicles and miscellaneous equipment surplus, as recommended by committee on August 13, 2019:

- a) JD 5425 Tractor No. 12
- b) TF 3004 Tiger Flail Mower No. 13
- c) JD 6615 Tractor No. 24
- d) JD 6430 Tractors Nos. 29, 31, 33 and 35
- e) 2003 Ford F-150 XL, Truck No. 22
- f) 2008 Ford F-350 XL SD, Truck No. 24
- g) 2009 Ford F-350 SD, Truck No. 43
- h) 2011 Ford F-250 SD 4 WD, Truck No. 56
- i) New Holland Road Grader
- j) Modern Box Blade No. 2
- k) Coats Tire Breakdown Machine
- l) Air Compressors, PLD Nos. 1, 2, 3 & 8
- m) Water Cool Fans, Nos. 1, 2 & 3
- n) Grasshopper 725D Zero Turn Mower, PLD No. 2

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 objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to authorize and approve the PLD Board Attorney to draft and finalize the necessary Acts of Donations, and to authorize the PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute same, for the requested surplus equipment as set forth in the written letters dated August 5, 2019, from the Town of Sorrento and the Town of Lutcher, as recommended by committee on August 13, 2019; Specifically, said towns are requesting the donation of various surplus vehicles, tractors and/or equipment, namely:

Town of Sorrento

JD 5425 Tractor No. 12  
TF 3004 Tiger Flail Mower No. 13  
JD 6430 Tractor No. 29  
JD 6430 Tractor No. 33  
2011 Ford F-250 SD, Truck No. 56  
Grasshopper 725D Zero Turn Mower  
JD 6430 Tractor No. 35

Town of Lutcher

JD 6615 Tractor No. 24  
JD 6430 Tractor No. 31  
2009 Ford F-350 SD, Truck No. 43  
Air Compressors, PLD Nos. 1, 2 & 3  
Water Cool Fans, Nos. 1, 2 & 3  
Modern Box Blade No. 2

Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve and move forward with the purchase of CTS Cabinet Combos for the Maintenance Shop by the Levee Board Operations Superintendent, Kenneth Steib, Sr., for the purchase of price not to exceed \$11,000.00 as recommended by committee on August 13, 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.

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 15, 2019.

The first item was to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD) and the Recreation and Park Commission for the Parish of East Baton Rouge (BREC) specific to the Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project, and authorize PLD President Ricky Bosco, to execute same, as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Baptiste, 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 was to approve the proposal of Riverlands Surveying Co., LLC, proceeding with Options B under said proposal in an amount of \$4,200.00, specific to the US Highway 61 elevation, as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: Commissioner Boudreaux added an amendment “St. James Parish will pick up any additional amount over \$4,200.00.” Motion to approve said agenda item, with the said amendment was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 to advertise the Ascension Parish lease consisting of approximately 80 acres for a three (3) year term, as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. 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 \$86,083.03 as recommended by committee on August 15, 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 was to approve the invoice from GCR, Inc. totaling 79,062.83 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$13,697.78; and WSLP - \$ 1,755.00 and \$63,610.05) said invoicing representing the fees from July 1, 2019 through July 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on August 15, 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 \$19,668.11 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 \$7,226.81 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. in the amount of \$580.00 for the Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control project as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 \$230.00 for June 1, 2019 through June 30, 2019 as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoices from Louisiana State Civil Service, a pro rata share of cost of operations, in the amount of \$12,758.00 as recommended by committee on August 15, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on August 15, 2019.

The first item was to approve the OPP recommendation for Personnel No. 261338, as recommended by committee on Thursday, August 15, 2019. Public Comments: Commissioner Boudreaux asked, "Please explain OPP?" Ms. Gorman stated, "A one-time lump sum given when someone goes above and beyond, with a formula provided by Civil Service." A motion was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, 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 issued LONO 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 – Mona Nosari, GCR
- g) Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project (Nathan Junius, LH&J)

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

**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, January 16, 2019 and,

July 29, 2019, for right of entry to perform soil borings for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System project within LaDOTD ROW in St. John the Baptist Parish, for a period of six months, in accordance with Project Permits, Permit Extensions, and Permit Amendment issued by State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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, June 5, 2019, July 18, 2019, and July 29, 2019, for right of entry with ingress and egress, to conduct surveys and other investigations for new and alternate access roads 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 Identification Numbers G-005, G-006, C-001, C-011, C-014C and C-024, September 2018, last revised July 25, 2019, for a period of 12 months. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Bosco mentioned that the flag is at half mass in memory of Governor Kathleen Blanco.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Sheets moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District