

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

December 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 December 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 6:06 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Percy Hebert, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Henry Baptiste (6:11 p.m.), Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Leonard J. Wilson, Jr. and Ricky Bosco.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Kenneth J. Steib, Sr., Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Captain and Wayne Theall – PLD External Accountant. 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, Jane Dufour & Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Kimberly Koehl of GSA, David Boyd & Henry Picard, III of BKI, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Steve Cali of Arcadis, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Lance LaPlace of Go-Tech, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Cory Mack of FCC, Peter Dufresne – St. James Parish President, Mrs. Theall, Chris Guidry of Oxy and Kent Becnel, concerned citizen.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 18, 2019 was offered by Commissioner ST. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

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

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on December 12, 2019.

Finance Committee: Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on December 12, 2019.

The first item was to approve the Flood Insurance proposal submitted by IUL, dated November 24, 2019, on behalf of Wright National flood Insurance Company, Coverage Option "A" for all three (3) PLD property addresses, for a total of \$ 7,314.00 as recommended by committee on December 10, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item 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.

The next item was to approve to authorize the PLD to proceed with acquisition of real estate for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension based on an agreement with the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District to indemnify and hold harmless PLD for the acquisition costs related to project if the project is not authorized for construction within one (1) year from this date as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. A motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. Abstain: Commissioner Jerry Savoy. 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 \$47,630.60 for the month of November 2019, as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item 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 invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling 57,300.43 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$10,073.34; and WSLP - \$47,630.60) said invoicing representing the fees from November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 \$11,925.53 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 \$3,613.41 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. 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 \$460.00 for November 1, 2019 through November 30, 2019 as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, 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 the Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association (LEPA) for the 2020 membership dues in the amount of \$250.00 as recommended

by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from the St. James Parish Assessor's Office for the appraisals of industrial plants in the amount of \$889.16 as recommended by committee on December 12, 2019. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 December 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 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 – Henry Picard, BKI
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard, BKI
- 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 – Nathan Junius, LH&J

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to request of October 21, 2019, for right of entry, with ingress and egress, to conduct surveys and other investigations for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain (WSPL) Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. James Parish Levees, St. James Parish, Louisiana, Map File No. H-8-48334, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01 through R-05 dated October 1, 2019, for a period of 12 months predicated on notifying assessed landowners in accordance with governing statute.

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.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Just a reminder: Official PLD Office Closure will be Tuesday, December 24, 2019 (Christmas Eve) and Wednesday, January 1, 2020 (New Year's Day).

OLD BUSINESS

(This item did not have a quorum last month and needs to be considered this month)

Approve and ratify the invoice from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$73,021.35 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on November 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Granier. Commissioner Jerry Savoy: Abstain. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Opening of Bids – Ascension Parish Lease (Dwight Poirrier)

Two (2) bids received. First bid – Section 60 LLC, bid \$100.00 per year; Second bid - Chaney Gonzales, \$125.00 per year.

A motion to Accept the bid from Chaney Gonzales for \$125.00 per year was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hebert moved, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District