

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, February 19, 2018, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 16, 2018

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 February 19, 2018 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Trey Granier, Jerry Savoy, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Percy Hebert, Jr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Kenneth Steib, Sr. – Levee Board Operations Superintendent/PLD Emergency Coordinator and Matthew Arceneaux – PLD Police Captain (Detailed). Also in attendance: 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, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Henry Picard of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Lance LaPlace of GOTECH, Jim Simmons of NYC Associates and Billy Guste of ELOS Environmental. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 22, 2018 was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report on the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on February 15, 2018.

**Equipment Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on February 15, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve to add the preliminary cost of PLD Shop add on in the amount of \$158,000.00 to Fiscal Year Budget 2018-2019 as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Powertrain Extended Warranty to cover 4 tractors in the amount of \$4,204.00 as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 15, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$21,806.05 as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, 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 GCR & Associates in the amount of \$22,685.71 for the month of January 1, 2018 through January 31, 2018 as recommended by

committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was then 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 Louisiana State Civil Service for the Pro-Rata Share and Comprehensive Public Training Program in the amount of \$13,766.00 as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. 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.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the 33<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop on May 3-4, 2018 in Baton Rouge, LA as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Wilson made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between PLD and the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District (EACGDD) specific to the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project to present to the EACGDD for discussion, approval and execution, prior to PLD President executing the same as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment for the GCR Contract to provide additional funding of \$500,000.00 for right-of-way acquisition, real estate related support and program management services, not including direct expenses as recommended by committee on February 15, 2018. Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 stated there was nothing to report.

## 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 any of the issued LONOs within their packets. Also, a copy of the 2018-2019 Budget was given to the board members to look over. Mrs. Gorman mentioned that PLD was under budget by 6.65% from last year with a 1% increase in revenue.

**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, III
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard, III
- 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 – Report in packet.
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Mona Nosari, GCR
- g) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project – Chris Williams (Monica Gorman) An email was sent from Chris Williams asking to cancel contract with PLD until further notice.

## RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

## PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Special session started at 4 p.m. this date, Monday, February 19, 2018 and will go through no later than Wednesday, March 7, 2018. Regular Session to begin at 12 noon on Monday, March 12, 2018 through 6 p.m. on Monday, June 4, 2018.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Vice President Sheets moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District