

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, February 18, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 15, 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 February 18, 2019 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. President Bosco requested roll call by Ms. Bush and the following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Trey Granier, Percy Hebert, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Ricky Bosco, Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Henry Baptiste.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary 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.

Recognition of guests included Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Henry Picard, III of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Trey Simon of IUL, Lance LaPlace of GoTech, Sam Scholle of SCP and Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 22, 2019 was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; who reported there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on February 12, 2019:

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

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 14, 2019.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$44,264.89 as recommended by committee on February 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, 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. in the amount totaling \$49,292.61 (total represents the 3 projects of LPV-\$12,882.11; LRLE-\$6,360.94; and WSLP-\$30,049.56) all invoicing representing the month of January 1, 2019 through January 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on February 14, 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 objections and the motion carried. Abstained: Commissioner Savoy.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR, Inc. in the amount of \$115.00 for computer technical support for November 1, 2018 through November 30, 2018 as recommended by committee on February 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the annual National Hurricane Conference held in New Orleans, LA on April 22-25, 2019 as recommended by committee on February 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Wilson made said motion, 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 annual Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Conference in Lake Charles, LA on May 13-16, 2019 as recommended by committee on February 14, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee; who noted there were no items to report on the Personnel Committee meeting held on February 14, 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 her report or any of the issued LONOs for the month 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, 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
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Mona Nosari, GCR

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

**Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** – Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to requests of December 19, 2018, revised February 7, 2019, for right of entry to conduct surveys and other investigations for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System project, Stockpile Areas, St. John the Baptist Parish, Map File No. H-8-48227, Sheet Nos. G-01 through G-03 and SP-01 through SP-06, December 10, 2018, revised January 23, 2019, subject to revisions to Corps of Engineers maps based on comments provided by the Pontchartrain Levee District, for a period of 12 months to be issued following the required time frame after notification letters are sent via certified mail to the assessed landowners pursuant to governing statute. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said 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 and January 16, 2019, for right of entry to perform soil boring 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, beginning February 13, 2019 and ending August 13, 2019, in accordance with the four (4) Project Permits issued by State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development, issued February 13, 2019. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Project Partnering Agreement Signing Ceremony for West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project will be on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 2:30 p.m. at the Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters (GOCA to handle the invites).

## **OLD BUSINESS**

In reference to the EBR Seepage Project, LH&J will come back with an updated report after the comments submitted by LH&J on PLD's behalf are worked through. Next month, LH&J should have a more precise update.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Presentation of Fiscal Year Audit Ending June 30, 2018 (Mike Defalco). After much discussion Mr. Defalco stated that there were significant adjustments this year due to the HSDRRS assets added, and of notation was that the values derived on the HSDRRS assets were done so by USACE and not confirmed by Legislative Auditors office, but despite the adjustments, PLD is in sound financial state.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Granier moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District