

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Tuesday, January 22, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 18, 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 Tuesday, January 22, 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 and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Henry Baptiste and Jerry Savoy.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director and Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary. 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, Steve Gourgues of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Kimberly Koehl & Glenn Shaheen of GSA, Henry Picard, III of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Chris Guidry of Oxy Chem and Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 17, 2018 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 that only one item was necessary under the Security/Safety Committee held on January 15, 2019. The only item was to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project (LRLE) between East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1, Parish of Livingston and the Pontchartrain Levee District as presented and to authorize PLD President, Ricky Bosco, to execute same as recommended by committee on January 15, 2019. Public Comments: Dwight Poirrier wanted to make it clear that due to the MOU, GSA would recommence and move forward with the final design of LRLE under this motion. A 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.

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 15, 2019.

Finance Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on January 17, 2019.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$37,879.72 as recommended by committee on January 17, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item 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.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR, Inc. in the amount totaling \$28,409.71 (total represents the 3 projects of LPV-\$9,984.38; LRLE-\$9,656.38; and WSLP-\$8,769.08) all invoicing representing the month of December 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 as recommended by committee on January 17, 2019. Public Comments: None.

Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, 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 Linfield, Hunter and Junius totaling \$4,377.32 (\$1,397.32 – December and \$2,980.00 – January) for meetings concerning the USACE Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project, as recommended by committee on January 17, 2019. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the 2019 membership dues as recommended by committee on January 17, 2019. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets 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 invoice from Kologik representing the police software maintenance renewal fee in the amount of \$480.00, as recommended by committee on January 17, 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.

Next item was to approve the necessary expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Legislative Meetings in Washington, D.C. beginning March 4th through March 6, 2019, as recommended by committee on January 17, 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 following 408 endorsement requests:

- a) **International-Matex Tank Terminals** – request of December 21, 2018, through Infinity Engineering Consultants, LLC, concerning permission to construct a path that would connect with Docks 8, 11 and 14 along with a ramp from the levee supported by a concrete abutment at the top of levee and span diagonally approximately 45 feet

in length before being supported by two steel columns with a slab on grade foundation at the levee toe, which will continue for an additional 50 feet before intersecting the existing Dock 8 path, which will be raised 2'-1' to provide continuous access to Docks 8, 11, and 14, in St. Charles Parish. Public Comments: None. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

- b) **Occidental Chemical Corporation (OxyChem)** – request of January 15, 2019, concerning permission to expand the existing dock which will entail the addition of a new platform, along with a 1000' connecting pipe bridge which will cross the levee and River Road; a sleeper pipe rack will extend from this bridge approximately 1000' toward the plant site, at Mississippi River near MP 161.5, in St. James Parish. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Granier made said motion, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 January 17, 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 any of the issued LONOs within their packets and/or any item within her report.

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 – Steve Gourgues, GCR

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

President Bosco reminded everyone that the District was still in Phase 2 of High Water and was getting a lot of phone calls to that regard. He thanked the ladies in the office for being so accommodating to all the calls as he had been told how informative and polite the office staff was when applicants calling.

OLD BUSINESS

Executive Director Gorman mentioned the Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Project that was being reviewed by Linfield, Hunter & Junius (LH&J). Under the BBA-18 funds, this was a project that USACE would receive the funds to remedy seepage in the EBR area and PLD was working with USACE and LH&J regarding operations and maintenance of a project this District was unaware of until just a few months ago. Mrs. Gorman will keep the board members updated.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District