

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Tuesday, January 21, 2020, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 17, 2020

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 21, 2020 at the Lutch Office, Lutch, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste (arrived at 6:13 p.m.), Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: None.

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.

Special guests included: Kimberly Koehl of GSA, David Boyd of BKI, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM and Benjamin Hartman of Baird & Associates.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16, 2019 was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. 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 noted that there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on January 14, 2020.

Equipment Committee: President Bosco 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 January 14, 2020.

Finance Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on January 16, 2020.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$24,709.75 for the month of December 2019, as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Savoy, 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 invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling \$57,101.25 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$11,290.92; and WSLP - \$45,810.33) said invoicing representing the fees from December 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019 as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion 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 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 January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Commissioner Jerry Savoy abstained. 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 \$23,163.41 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, 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 the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in the amount of \$2,000.00 for the annual membership dues as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Legislative meetings in Washington D.C, held on March 8-10, 2020 as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 reported on the Personnel Committee held on January 16, 2020.

The first item was to approve the Optional Pay Policy (OPP) recommendations for Personnel Nos. 2360 and 261287 for a one-time 5% optional pay as recommended by committee on January 16, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, 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 LONO report 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, BKI
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – David Boyd, 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 – (Monica Gorman reporting for Mona Nosari, GCR)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Resolution – Webb Harelson

The following resolution was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Baptiste:

WHEREAS, Webb L. Harelson started his tenure with the Levee District on August 17, 1992 through January 1, 1997 representing Iberville Parish and was reappointed March 26, 2001 through June 30, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, Webb L. Harelson served as Vice President from March 2004 through June 30, 2009; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from his many years of knowledge and experience and is grateful to have had such a dedicated Commissioner/Vice President; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Webb L. Harelson; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of Webb L. Harelson.

The resolution thereon was submitted to a vote, the vote was as follows:

Yea: Henry Baptiste, Ricky Bosco, Senecca Boudreaux, Claude "Trey" Granier, Percy Hebert, Jr., Leonard Wilson, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Blaine J. Sheets

Nay: None

Absent: None.

This resolution was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Granier to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District