

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, July 16, 2018, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

July 13, 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 July 16, 2018 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. President Bosco requested roll call by Ms. Bush and the following members were present: Messrs. Jerry Savoy, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Henry Baptiste and Trey Granier.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, 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, Glenn Shaheen & Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Henry Picard, III of BKI, John Troutman of CPRA, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Steve Cali of Arcadis, Lance LaPlace of GoTech, Jim Simmons of N-Y Associates, Matt Roe of USACE, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM and Greg Rozas of Louisiana Earth Corps, LLC. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

There was then a presentation by U.S. Army Corps of Engineers New Orleans on the Update on Levee Safety/Characterization and National Levee Database (NLD). Said presentation was given by Matt Roe. There was a bit of discussion and questions were posed and answered.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 18, 2018 was offered 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on July 10, 2018.

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 July 10, 2018.

Insurance Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Wilson, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Insurance Committee meeting held on July 10, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve to suspend levee breach coverage effective immediately as recommended by committee on July 10, 2018. A motion was offered 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.

Finance Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on July 12, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$68,510.49 as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. Public Comments: None.

Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 & Associates in the amount of \$12,558.05 for the month of June 1, 2018 through June 30, 2018 as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. 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 invoices from Methods for annual software license fee for direct deposit - \$400.00; software license fee for logmein rescue (remote access) - \$500.00; software license for progress - \$1,000.00; software license fee for payroll - \$5,000.00; software license fee for budgetary - \$4,000.00 and annual hardware maintenance - \$2,200.00 for a total amount of \$13,100.00 as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. Public Comments: None. This 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 Louisiana State Civil Service in accordance with LA R.S. 42:1383 and 42:1242, PLD to pay its pro-rata share of the cost of operations of Louisiana State Civil Service and Comprehensive Public Training Program for the fiscal year 2018-2019 in the amount of \$11,820.00 as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. 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 the 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018:

- a) **Shell Pipeline Company LP** – request of July 3, 2018, concerning permission to repair Anomaly 34779 on the Garyville Paraffinic 12' Pipeline. The anomaly, located north of the Norco Refinery near Bayou Trepagnier, is approximately 192' from the centerline of the hurricane protection levee, in St. Charles Parish.

Public Comments: None. Motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve to move \$15,000.00 from Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction Improvements – Supplemental Addendum No.1 (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) H & H Modeling GSA Supplement line item to the Environmental (wetland, mitigation and permitting) line item as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. 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.

Personnel Committee: President Bosco turned the meeting over to Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of the Personnel Committee; who reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on July 12, 2018.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the renewal of the professional service contract for external accountant, Wayne Theall, for one (1) year beginning August 1, 2018 and ending July 31, 2019 and to increase his hourly pay to \$80.00 an hour as recommended by committee on July 12, 2018. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, 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 any of the issued LONOs within their packets. Mrs. Gorman mentioned that the Mississippi River Levee (MRL) is back to 'normal' gage reading(s); with the river at a 'normal' stage, the LONOs have resumed being released on 10th, 20th and 30th of each month. Also included, was a list of meetings and conferences she attended during the month of July and others scheduled up to July 23, 2018.

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, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of June 18, 2018, From Todd M. Klock, Chief Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division to Ricky Bosco, President of The Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-to-entry until July 17, 2019 or until completion of proposed work, whichever comes first, to conduct surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resource investigations, and hazardous, toxic, and radiological wastes (HTRW) assessments in connection with Mississippi River Levees, East Bank, Pontchartrain Levee District, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Upper Pontchartrain Item M-227-L to Item M-225-L, B/L Sta. 90+00 to B/L Sta. 180+00, Right of Entry for Investigation”, Sheets RO-7, dated May 28, 2018.

A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

The news from Washington/Congressman Graves in reference to the \$1.4 Billion is a great thing.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

PLD Counsel, Dwight Poirrier updated the members concerning the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Litigation which he had been provided a courtesy copy of, adding into the litigation PLD and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District. He stated that he was in the process of scheduling a meeting with parties involved from Livingston Parish in the hopes to discuss this matter further and provide additional vital details.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Sheets moved, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:57 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District