

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 21, 2016, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 18, 2016

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 6:15 p.m. on Monday, March 21, 2016 at the Lutchter Office, Lutchter, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:27 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Henry Baptiste, Patrick Bell, Sr. Ricky Bosco, Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Steve Wilson, Marty J. Poche, and Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. Absent: Messrs. Percy Hebert, Jr. and Jerry Savoy

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Messrs. Monica Salins – Executive Director and Dean Smith – PLD Police Captain. Also in attendance was: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Attorney, Clinton Rouyea – External Accountant and Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board. Special guests included: A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Stephen Braquet and Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., Jake Lambert of G.S.A, Jessica Miles of Volkert, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Rob VanVrancken of Elos, Terri Dupre of Meyer Engineering, Pamela Burleigh of MSMM, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Jim Simmons of N-Y Associates, Bob Jacobson, P.E., Steve Cali of Cali & LaPlace and Chris Humphreys of PSI.

A motion to approve the minutes of the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 15, 2016 was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Bosco and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Commissioner Irvin reported on the Security/Safety Meeting held on March 15, 2016.

Equipment Committee: Commissioner St. Pierre reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on March 15, 2016. There were no action items to report.

Finance Committee: President Wilson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 17, 2016. The first agenda item was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$33,010.83 as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$24,150.03 for the month of February 1, 2016 through February 29, 2016 as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to approve said motion. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoices from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$1,495.00 for computer technical support for the month of January 1, 2016 thru January 31, 2016 as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner Bell made said motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for the 2016 annual dues in the amount of \$2,000.00 as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Poche. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoices for the 31st Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop on May 5-6, 2016 to be held in Baton Rouge, LA as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner Bell made said motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to authorize, Board President, Steve Wilson, to sign the Intergovernmental Agreement between PLD and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 specific to St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner Irvin made said motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Bell. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to authorize the PLD Board Attorney to issue a letter allowing hunters to hunt hogs on their leased property in the LaBranche Wetlands owned by PLD (leased to: Bonnet Carre' Gun & Rod) as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, and was seconded by Commissioner Poche. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson reported on the Personnel Committee meeting held on March 17, 2016. The only item on the agenda was to approve the new work hours for PLD Headquarters Administrative Staff, only, to be 7:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. on Monday through Thursday and 7:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. on Friday, and to extend said hours should it be necessary and/or deemed appropriate in light of any named storm, an event (rain, tornado, tropical storm, etc.) , and/or any other matter deemed appropriate, by said superiors and to begin on April 1st, 2016, as recommended by committee on March 17, 2016. Commissioner Bell moved, and seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously. The

STAFF REPORTS

The Executive Director's report was in the packet for review. Ms. Salins 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.

Project reports were given for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative: Written reports were in the board members packets.

- a) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project- Henry Picard of BKI
- b) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station- Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal/Frog-Alligator Bayou DRAFT Comprehensive Plan- Jake Lambert of Glenn Shaheen & Associates
- d) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee- AJ Domangue of GCR & Associates

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

All members and guests agreed. Also, the Grand Isle Major's Conference is tentatively scheduled for April 21 through April 23, 2016. As information is obtained, the board members will be informed.

President Wilson reminded members that the incoming Colonel Michael Clancey, will be joining Colonel Rick Hansen at an introduction here at PLD Headquarters on Wednesday, April 13th, at 10:00 a.m. Brief discussion was had.

President Wilson reminded members about the upcoming Mississippi River Commission High Water Inspection and Public Meeting on April 14th and April 15th, 2016. President Wilson then went on to read a letter submitted by Susan M. Sheets, PLD Board Secretary. It was suggested to invite her to next month's board meeting for some type of appreciation and acknowledgement.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, there was discussion of Linfield, Hunter & Junius recommendation letter dated March 18, 2016 concerning the PLD Administrative Complex. Discussion was had. Motion was made by Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Poche, to accept the recommendation of Blount General Contractors, LLC in the amount of \$1,759,000.00 and to authorize PLD President Steve Wilson to execute said contract with Blount General Contractors, LLC after final approval by architect and board attorney, Dwight Poirrier. There were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Bell and seconded by Commissioner Bosco:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has requested all state governing boards, agencies political subdivisions to adopt a budget for each fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in order to be in compliance with Acts 1985, No. 785, effective July 22, 1985 (LA R.S. 38:318) and to honor the request and intent of the Legislature, and;

WHEREAS, the major mission of said district is to maintain the east bank Mississippi River levee system as defined in LA R.S. 38:291 (L), to insure the levee integrity and capability, to safely understand river stages and hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, said District's additional purpose is to construct or support construction by others of new or enhanced levels of protection, to anticipate weaknesses in the levee system in order to avoid flooding caused by high river stages or hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the assets and liabilities of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and;

WHEREAS, considering taxing revenues and other income and reviewing the anticipated expenditures of said District,

NOW, THEREFORE, with the recommendations of the Administrative Staff of the Pontchartrain Levee District, the following budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2017 be adopted:

SEE ADDENDUM "A"

Anyone having any objection to the foregoing budget should contact the Board Office in Litcher, Louisiana and a public hearing will be scheduled.

The resolution to adopt the budget carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Commissioner Poche moved, seconded by Commissioner Bell to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Monica Salins,
Executive Director/Acting Secretary

Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District