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Therefore, The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 27, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 21, 2017

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that a Budget Public Hearing and Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 27, 2017 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the Budget Public Hearing to order at 6:02 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Steve Wilson, Jerry Savoy, Henry Baptiste, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Ricky Bosco.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – PLD Board Secretary, Kenneth Steib, Sr. – Levee Board Operations Superintendent/PLD Emergency Coordinator and Roscoe Brewer – PLD Police Captain (Detailed). Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel, Clinton Rouyea - External Accountant and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the PLD Board of Commissioners. Special guests included: Benjamin Chadwick of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Jake Lambert of GSA Engineers, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish Dept. of Public Works, Steve Cali of Volkert, Lance LaPlace of GIS Engineers and Jim Simmons of N.Y. Associates.

First item on the agenda was Roll Call. Ms. Bush called the roll and only commissioner absent was Ricky Bosco.

Next, The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Wilson and recited by all.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

The hearing was left open for approximately thirty (30) minutes.

There were no public comments, so a motion to close the Budget Public Hearing was made by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no other public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Next, a Motion by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux to adjourn the meeting was made. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously. President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Steve Wilson, PLD President

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President Steve Wilson called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:28 p.m. and made note that the roll been called upon the opening of the Budget Public Hearing and that no other members have joined. The only board member absent is Ricky Bosco.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 20, 2017 was offered 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.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Wilson 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 March 14, 2017.

Equipment Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted there was one item to report. Commissioner St. Pierre reported the one item was to approve the purchase of the extended warranty for seven (7) tractors (5 Comprehensive Coverages and 2 Limited Coverages) as detailed in the proposal presented in the amount of \$20,000.00, per PLD Board Counsel review and approval, as recommended by committee on March 14, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: President Wilson asked Commissioner Baptiste, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, if he would like for him to continue reporting; his response was yes, continued with reporting. As such, President Wilson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on March 16, 2017. The first item on the agenda was to approve the Third Amendment to BLD contract for inspection, operation and maintenance of the Cross Bayou Pump Station for maintenance that is required due to the age and extended use of pumps and pump station that is not covered under the inspection and scheduled maintenance of the contract as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 purchase of the Generac generator under State Contract No. 4400005667 as per the quote updated on March 16, 2017, in the amount of \$47,377.26 as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 purchase of the Level 2 Acoustic Enclosure for the Generac generator in the amount of \$2,475.00 as recommended on March 16, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$32,659.07 as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. 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.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$23,553.20 for the month of February 1, 2017 through February 28, 2017 as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 \$913.00 for the month of January 1, 2017 through January 31, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. This motion 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.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the annual Grand Isle Mayor's Conference to be held in Grand Isle on April 20-22, 2017 as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. Commissioner Wilson made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted there was one item to report. The one item to report was to approve to move the April 2017 Thursday Committee meetings presently scheduled for April 13, 2017, requesting said meeting to be moved to Wednesday, April 12, 2017 due to the Good Friday holiday on April 14, 2017 as recommended by committee on March 16, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no other discussion, there were no objections, were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director LONO Report: The Executive Director's report was in the packet for review. Nothing to add.

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
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project
- c) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station – Jack Morgan, E-G
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal – Jake Lambert, GSA
- e) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Mona Nosari, GCR
- f) PLD Administrative Complex/DRCC – Benjamin Chadwick, LH&J

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

Mississippi River Commission High Water Inspection Ride begins on April 6, 2017 and on April 7, 2017, the Public Meeting will be held at the City Dock above USS Kidd, in Baton Rouge, LA, beginning at 9:00 a.m. Also, President Wilson indicated that he had spoken to Rob Rash in regards to anyone wanting to go to any other Public Hearing, please let him know and he would make that happen.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Next on the agenda was to adopt the Fiscal Year 2017-2018 Budget for Pontchartrain Levee District beginning July 1, 2017 and ending June 30, 2018.

RESOLUTION

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner St. Pierre and seconded by Vice President Sheets:

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 ad 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, 2018 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.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Wilson moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Steve Wilson, PLD President