

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, May 15, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

May 12, 2017

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that a Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, May 15, 2017 at the Lutch Office, Lutch, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

Vice President Blaine Sheets called the Regular Board Meeting to order at 6:02 p.m., in the absence of President Steve Wilson. The following members were present: Messrs. Jerry Savoy, Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr. (arrived at 6:10 p.m.), Ricky Bosco and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Steve Wilson and Henry Baptiste. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – PLD Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – PLD Board Secretary and Roscoe Brewer – PLD Police Captain (Detailed). Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the PLD Board of Commissioners.

Special guests included: Benjamin Chadwick & Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Steve Gourgues of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Lyles Budden of T. Baker Smith, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish-Dept. of Public Works, David Boyd of BKI, Reed Ellis of Aqua Blok, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Steve Cali of Volkert and Lance LaPlace of GIS Engineering.

First item on the agenda was Roll Call. Ms. Bush called roll.

The next item was Recognition of Guests by Vice President Sheets.

Next, a motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 17, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; noted the first item on the agenda was to approve the Health and Safety Manual as recommended by Committee held on May 9, 2017. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee held on May 9, 2017.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets in the absence of Commissioner Baptiste, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, continued with reporting. As such, Vice President Sheets reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on May 11, 2017. The first item on the agenda was to approve to proceed with the collection of money from the November 5, 2016. Auction of Surplus Equipment through Nationwide Marketing Ltd., Robert L. Graves-President, in the amount of \$54,900.00 and authorize board attorney to take any and all action necessary to collect said funds as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. 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 to authorize the PLD Vice President to sign any and all documents in the absence of Board President as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Bosco, that Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President of the Pontchartrain Levee District, Board of Commissioners, be and he is hereby authorized and appointed as a signatory for the Pontchartrain Levee District in

the absence or unavailability of the Board President to sign any and all documents, including, but not limited to, contracts, professional service contracts, employment agreements, bank documents, right of way agreements, and any other documents, agreements, and/or transactions which have been approved by the Board of Commissioners. 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 to allow GCR and any other consultant delivering a report to the EACGDD to submit billing in a Gantt chart type schedule, including but not limited to Microsoft Project, Primavera, and software as such, as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was the approval of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Contract Supplement No. 7 in the amount of \$96,763.00 as requested by PLD Consultant, GSA Consulting Engineers, for extended time to secure the WQC; continuous responses to public comments; on-going coordination with various regulatory agencies, as well as, sub-consultants, etc., as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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 to extend the permits for the Walker/Almedia and St. Rose Pump Stations for an additional two (2) years, 10/8/2019, specific to the Permits for P20140883 as requested by PLD Consultant, Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. Commissioner Savoy asked, "Do we have money budgeted for this project?" Ms. Gorman answered, "There is only a permit costing \$80.00." Also, Jack Morgan stated that there is no active on-going project. 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 \$34,773.06 as recommended by committee on May 11, 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 \$20,031.03 for the month of April 1, 2017 through April 30, 2017 as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. 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 \$805.00 for the month of March 1, 2017 through March 31, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This 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 invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$3,018.44 as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve Change Order #006 from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for Blount General Contractors as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017:

- 1) Change Order Request No. 19 – Install owner supplied generator – Add \$17,854.00 and an additional 6 days
- 2) Change Order Request No. 20 – Attic Ladder – add \$814.00

Commissioner Bosco made said motion, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the following endorsement as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017:

- a) Boardwalk Louisiana Midstream, LLC – request of March 21, 2017, through Ramboll Environ, concerning permission to install and operate a 4.46 mile 8 inch, ethylene pipeline under the Mississippi River and adjacent to the Mississippi River

East Bank Levee using the horizontal directional method of construction at approximate river mile marker 166.2 in St. James Parish.

Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Bosco. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee as recommended by committee on May 11, 2017.

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 – 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 – Glenn Shaheen, GSA
- e) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Steve Gourgues, GCR
- f) PLD Administrative Complex/DRCC – Benjamin Chadwick, LH&J

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

This next item was to adopt the millage rate.

The following tax resolution was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux and seconded by Commissioner Bosco:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage are hereby levied on the 2017 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Pontchartrain Levee District:

MILLAGE	
<u>Pontchartrain Levee District General Fund</u>	<u>3.52</u> mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of St. Charles, St. John the Baptist, St. James, Ascension, Iberville, and East Baton Rouge, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said parishes for the year 2017, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

- YEAS: Blaine J. Sheets, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Ricky Bosco, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy, Percy Hebert, Jr. and Senecca Boudreaux
- NAYS: 0
- ABSTAINED: 0
- ABSENT: Henry Baptiste and Steve Wilson

There was no other discussion, there were no objections, were no public comments and the resolution carried.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hebert moved, seconded by Commissioner Bosco to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Blaine J. Sheets, PLD Vice President