

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, May 20, 2019, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

May 17, 2019

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 May 20, 2019 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:20 p.m. President Bosco requested roll call by Ms. Bush and the following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Percy Hebert, Jr., Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Jerry Savoy and Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Wayne Theall, CPA – PLD External Accountant, Kenneth Steib, Sr. – Levee Board Operations Superintendent/PLD Emergency Coordinator and David Capone – PLD Levee Maintenance Superintendent. Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Recognition of guests included: Anthony Goodgion of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Henry Picard, III & David Boyd of BKI, Benjamin Hartman of BAIRD & Associates, Sam Scholle of SCP, Steve Cali of Arcadis, Jeff Varisco of USACE, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake and Lance LaPlace of GoTech.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 15, 2019 was offered 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.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on May 20, 2019.

A motion to add Finance item #1 back on the agenda was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Professional Services Contract between PLD and GCR exclusive to the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (WSLP HSDRRS) as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried.

The next item was to approve the donation of two (2) PLD surplus vehicles as requested by letter dated April 10, 2019 from Chairman James LeBlanc of the Fire Protection District #1 of the Parish of Ascension, Louisiana as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$33,064.77 as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Baptiste, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried.

The next item was to approve the invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling \$58,191.49 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$13,251.56; and WSLP - \$44,939.93) said invoicing represents the fees from April 1 through April 30, 2019 as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Granier made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GCR, Inc. in the amount of \$103.50 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Granier made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, 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 \$14,751.08 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Baptiste made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, 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 \$3,613.40 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Inc. in the amount of \$4,370.00 for Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Granier made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GCR, Inc. in the amount of \$172.50 for computer technical support for May 31, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Baptiste made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the renewal of the Professional Services Contract between Pontchartrain Levee District and D Got This Cleaning Company, LLC in the amount of \$800.00 a month as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Baptiste made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of the Personnel Committee; who noted there were no items to report on the Personnel Committee meeting held on May 20, 2019.

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who noted there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on May 20, 2019:

**Equipment Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; Commissioner Hebert stated that there were two motions coming out of that committee, specifically, from May 20, 2019.

The first item under that committee was to approve to recondition the Cat 320 Excavator tracks at a cost of \$6,248.36 as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Boudreaux made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The second item under that committee was to approve the incidentals for the PLD Maintenance Shop for the remodel of Plan #1 in the amount of \$2,000.00 as recommended by committee on May 20, 2019. Public Comments: None. A Motion was offered by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there was no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## STAFF REPORTS

**Executive Director LONO Report:** The Executive Director's report was in the packet for review and she went over her report in detail, along with the attachments to said report.

**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 – Mona Nosari, GCR
- g) Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project – Anthony Goodgion, LH&J

## RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of March 19, 2019, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division to Ricky Bosco, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-to-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning May 20, 2019 and ending May 19, 2020, to conduct environment/borrow pit exploration surveys in connection with the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement, Mississippi River Levee (MRL) project, as shown on the drawing entitled “Mississippi River Levees, Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement 2, Ascension Parish Borrow Pit Survey, Right-of-Entry Request,” Sheet Identification 1 of 1, dated February 12, 2019 and drawings entitled, “Mississippi River, Louisiana, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, STA. 2500+00 to STA 2570+00, and STA 2570+00 to STA 2630+00,” Map File Number H-8-45702, Sheets 37 through 38 of 86.

**Public Comment :** None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

Reminder: Official state holiday, PLD will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2019, for Memorial Day.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Update Upper Pontchartrain Seepage Control Project – Jeffrey Varisco, SPM, USACE

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Adopt the millage rate at the current rate, 3.52 mills. After much discussion and comment from Commissioner Granier, it was decided to advertise as if PLD was going to roll forward to the 3.53 mills. And, after further discussion, the Board decided to move this item to the June Finance agenda.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Baptiste moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District