

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, November 20, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

November 17, 2017

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 November 20, 2017 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr. (6:08 p.m.), Percy Hebert, Jr., Jerry Savoy, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Trey Granier and Henry Baptiste.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary and Kenneth J. Steib, Sr. – Levee Board Operations Superintendent/Emergency Coordinator. Also in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel.

Special guests included: Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Steve Gourgeous of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Jim Simmons of N.Y. & Associates, Wanda Taylor of Big Shake, Henry Picard of BKI and Billy Guste of ELOS. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 16, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; who reported on the Equipment Committee meeting held on November 14, 2017. The first item was to approve to repost Police Officer 2 positions as recommended by committee on November 14, 2017. This motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Equipment Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee held on November 14, 2017.

**Finance Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on November 16, 2017.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$66,970.43 as recommended by committee on November 16, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$26,753.43 for the month of October 1, 2017 through October 31, 2017 as recommended by committee on November 16, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 & Associates in the amount of \$3,094.50 for the month of September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on November 16, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then 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 invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$1,509.22 for the New Administrative Complex for September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 as recommended by committee on November 16, 2017. 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.

Next item was to approve the following 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on November 16, 2017:

- 1) Shell Pipeline Company, LP – request of November 15, 2017, concerning permission to repair the pipeline that crosses the levee in a T-Wall on the Hurricane Protection Levee, levee station 96+00, in Norco, Louisiana in St. Charles Parish.

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

- 2) Hardtimes Plantation Investment, LLC – request of December 15, 2016, through Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., concerning permission to install a new access road over the levee to gain access to a future barge fleeting facility, river mile 179.3 AHP, at Darrow, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish.

Public Comments: None. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Bosco called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who stated Governor Edwards proclaimed December 26, 2017 and January 2, 2018 Legal Holidays. There was nothing else to report.

## 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. Also, a more detailed Executive Director Report will be in board members' packets next month.

**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 – Report in packet.
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Kimberly Koehl, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Steve Gourgeus, GCR
- g) PLD Admin. Complex/DRCC – Nathan Junius, LH&J
- h) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project – (President Bosco attended the Pre-Bid meeting)

## RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of September 26, 2017, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, to Mr. Ricky Bosco, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, to conduct centerline profile surveys in connection with Mississippi River Levees, Pontchartrain Levee District, Romeville from B/L Sta. 3638+00 to B/L Sta. 3698+00, St. James Parish, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers undated drawings entitled, “Mississippi River, Louisiana, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Station 3600+00 and Station 3670+00 to 3720+00,” Sheet Reference Number H-8-45702, Sheets 53 and 54 of 86. Public Comments: None.

Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

#### PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

None.

#### OLD BUSINESS

An updated list of Committees as of November 2017 will be given to all from Monica Salins-Gorman. The Pontchartrain Levee District Open House will be held on Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m., with a request for Governor Edwards and First Lady Edwards to attend. This is not an invitation only gathers, this is truly an Open House and everyone is invited, so please feel free to forward the 'invite' onto anyone you so desire.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017, Commissioner Trey Granier, III, along with Shell Motiva/Shell Chemical representatives, will visit Cross Bayou Pump Station, as well as, Bayou Trepagnier Pump Station. Anyone interested in joining this pump station tour is asked to contact Mrs. Gorman to plan.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Boudreaux moved, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District