

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, October 17, 2016, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 14, 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 6:00 p.m. on Monday October 17, 2016 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:08 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Jerry Savoy, Steve Wilson, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., and Marty J. Poche. Absent: Ricky Bosco and Henry Baptiste.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – PLD Board Secretary, Dean Smith – PLD Police Department Police Captain, Kenneth Steib, Sr. - Levee Board Operations Superintendent/PLD Emergency Coordinator and Clinton Rouyea – PLD External Accountant. Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the PLD Board of Commissioners.

Special guests included: Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, A. J. Domangue of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Jake Lambert of GSA, Jim Simmons of NY Associates, Bryan Gossman – CPRA, Rob VanVrancken of ELOS Environmental, Glenn Shaheen of GSA and Ross Beasley of Broussard & Company, CPAS. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

Presentation of FYE Audit ending 6/30/2016 from Ross Beasley of Broussard & Company. Mr. Beasley discussed various aspects of the audit with board members and noted

that the financial statement disclosures were neutral, consistent and clear; that there were no significant difficulties dealing with management in performing our completing their audit; there were no significant findings, suggestions and/or recommendations necessary as the Pontchartrain Levee District was commended on such a superb audit and working with the individuals at the PLD Administrative facility was a pleasure. Ms. Jean Bush, Mr. Clinton Rouyea and Mrs. Monica Salins Gorman were complimented on their attention to detail, the detail to the work papers provided upon arrival, the detail and knowledge in both expenditures and revenue aspects of PLD, as well as, their professionalism and courtesies while said audit was performed. Mr. Beasley offered that if any board members had any questions, to feel free to contact him and he would gladly answer any and all questions. The board members thanked Mr. Beasley for his delivery and wished him well traveling back home.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 19, 2016 was offered by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Wilson and carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner Poche, Chairman of the Security/Safety Committee, who noted there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Meeting held on October 11, 2016.

Equipment Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairman of said committee; who noted there was one item to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on October 11, 2016.

Finance Committee: In the absence of Commissioner Baptiste, Chairman of the Finance Committee and Commissioner Bosco, Vice Chairman, President Wilson continued with reporting. As such, President Wilson reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 13, 2016. The first item on the agenda was to approve to allow PLD Board Counsel with assistance from GCR and GSA to proceed at the request of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District with the negotiation of Right of Way purchase agreements, contingent upon receipt of the appropriate permits, with landowners affecting the right of way as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner

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

The next item was to approve to allow GSA to proceed with solicitations of request for proposals for mitigation of jurisdictional wetlands impacted by the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there was no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the engineering services required to finalize investigation of recommended Bluff Swamp Control Structure improvements by GSA, contingent upon receipt of a Resolution of the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District supporting said efforts, and further authorize Steve Wilson to execute said contract upon receipt of said Resolution as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. The motion was made by Commissioner Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to approve said motion. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there was no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$77,988.51 as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to approve said motion. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from GCR & Associates in the amount of \$16,223.89 for the month of September 1, 2016 through September 30, 2016 as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. This motion was made by Commissioner Poche, seconded by Commissioner Sheets. 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 GCR & Associates in the amount of \$402.50 for computer technical support for the month of August 1, 2016 through August 31, 2016 as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion,

seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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 \$1,600.00 for the LONO Review Cheval Subdivision as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, 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 the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$6,140.00 for the Levee Lifts LPV 04.2a & 04.2b – 2nd Lift Reaches 1A & 1B as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Poche. 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 81st Annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association to be held on December 8 – 10, 2016 in New Orleans, LA, as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. Commissioner Wilson made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Poche. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Wilson called upon Commissioner Marty Poche, Chairman of the Personnel Committee; who noted the first item on the agenda was to approve the nomination of the new Vice President, Blaine Sheets, as recommended by committee on October 13, 2016. Commissioner Hebert made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion. There were no objections, there 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. 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.

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
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal – Jake Lambert
- e) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – A.J. Domangue
- f) PLD Administrative Complex Disaster Response Coordinator Center – Nathan Junius

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT’S REMARKS

OLD BUSINESS

A motion to Amend Resolution and Declaration of Surplus Property and Intent to Auction through Nationwide Marketing, Ltd which was approved at our regular board meeting on September 19, 2016 to reflect the new auction date on November 5, 2016. Commissioner St. Pierre made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There were no public comments and motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

The following tax resolution was offered by Commissioner Leonard Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Marty Poche:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2016 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Pontchartrain Levee District:

MILLAGE

Pontchartrain Levee District General Fund

3.52 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parish 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 Parish for the year 2016, 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: Messrs. Percy Hebert, Jr., Marty J. Poche Blaine J. Sheets, Jerry Savoy, Allen J. St. Pierre, Jr., Leonard Wilson, Jr. and Steve Wilson
NAYS: None
ABSTAINED: None
ABSENT: Messrs. Ricky Bosco and Henry Baptiste

There were no objections. There were no public comments and motion carried unanimously.

Opening of Ascension Parish Lease Bids – Dwight Poirrier. A motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Sheets. All in favor, vote I, I have it, with no objections. There were no public comments and motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

At this time, Commissioner St. Pierre moved, seconded by Commissioner Poche to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

**Steve Wilson, President
Pontchartrain Levee District**