

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, October 16, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 13, 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 October 16, 2017 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

President Ricky Bosco called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Jerry Savoy, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Trey Granier and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr. and Henry Baptiste.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary and Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Officer. Also, in attendance were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Special guests included: Benjamin Chadwick of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Steve Gourgues 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, Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I/APTIM, Billy Guste, Clinton Rouyea, State Representative Clay Schexnayder and Ascension Parish Councilman At Large Bill Dawson. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 25, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There were no public comments, 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 noted there were no items to report on the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on October 10, 2017.

Equipment Committee: President Bosco called upon Commissioner Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who noted there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on October 10, 2017.

Finance Committee: President Bosco, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; moved on to the Finance Committee meeting held on October 12, 2017.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$58,192.11 as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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 \$37,748.46 for the month of September 1, 2017 through September 30, 2017 as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 GCR & Associates in the amount of \$1,281.22 for the month of August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Vice President Sheets, 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 \$2,400.00 for the Annual Website Hosting for August 1, 2017 through July 31, 2018 as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Boudreaux 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 October 12, 2017:

- 1) Praxair Inc. – request of August 25, 2017, through CBI (note: APTIM per Commissioner Jerry Savoy) now concerning permission for a heavy haul levee crossing of the Mississippi River levee with components for the proposed new carbon monoxide plant and electrical substation, within their existing facility at Geismar, Louisiana in Ascension Parish.

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

Next item was to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between Pontchartrain Levee District and East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District No. 1 specific to Frog Bayou/Fish Bayou/Bluff Swamp gate structure within the Bluff Swamp-Spanish Lake Basin, and allowing PLD President Ricky Bosco to execute said IGA subject to final draft and concurrence from PLD board attorney, all as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve to adopt a Resolution of Support of the Pontchartrain Levee District to serve as permit applicant for the clearing, snagging and maintenance dredging of Bayou Manchac subject to the regional parishes, specifically East Baton Rouge, Iberville and Ascension, as well as other affected government entities, all reaching an agreement on the financial cost share and the responsibilities of each entity, relating to said project as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. Public Comments: Ascension Parish Councilman At Large Bill Dawson thanked the board for their support and if there were any questions, please let him know. Commissioner Savoy made said motion, seconded by Vice

President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the Professional Services Contract for Wayne Theall, CPA of Theall & Theall, LLC as external accountant starting October 16, 2017 and ending July 31, 2018, and allowing PLD President Ricky Bosco to execute said contract subject to final draft and concurrence from PLD board attorney, as recommended by committee on October 12, 2017. A motion was made to deviate from the agenda item of Professional Contract and revert back at the point of President's Remarks by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Bosco called upon Vice President Sheets, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who stated there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held October 12, 2017.

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, E-G - Capital Outlay paperwork
- 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 Gourgues, GCR
- g) PLD Administrative Complex/DRCC – Benjamin Chadwick, LH&J

h) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project- project progressing slower per an email.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of July 27, 2017, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Region South Division to Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, to conduct annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs and articulated concrete mattress repair work on the revetments located along the Mississippi River, for the Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers drawings entitled, “Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, Pontchartrain Levee District, Revetment Locations,” file number H-13-46072, sheet identification numbers C-01, C-02 and C-03, dated June 20, 2016. Public Comments: Dwight Poirrier noted that there will be changes made in language, such as, new President’s name and verification of regulations cited. Vice President Sheets made said motion with changes, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of August 15, 2017, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Region South Division to Steve C. Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2018 and ending December 31, 2018, for access vehicle parking in connection with annual maintenance dredging at various deep and shallow draft crossings located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as shown on drawings entitled, “ROE, Sardine Point Crossing ROE, Medora Crossing ROE, Granada Crossing ROE, Bayou Goula Crossing ROE, Alhambra Crossing ROE, Philadelphia/81 Mile Point Crossing ROE, Smoke Bend Crossing ROE, Rich Bend/Belmont Crossing ROE and Fairview Crossing ROE,” dated November, 2009. Public Comments: None. Commissioner Granier made said motion with changes, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

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PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

A motion was made by Vice President Sheets to revert back to the item of Professional Services Contract formerly deviated, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Dwight Poirrier – Board Counsel will make the following changes to the Professional Services Contract for Wayne Theall, CPA: 1) change contract to run from October 23, 2017 through July 31, 2018; 2) change the ‘not to exceed’ amount for said contract to \$23,125.00 ; 3) correct paragraph #2 to read, “Based on final approval of the Board of Commissioners.” Public Comments: None. Commissioner Savoy made said motion to pass with changes, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Clinton Rouyea stated that he has enjoyed working as the PLD External Accountant at Pontchartrain Levee District and thanked all of the employees and the current and past board members for all of their assistance and support working for such an organization for the past thirty-five years.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Sheets moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Ricky Bosco, President
Pontchartrain Levee District