

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, September 25, 2017, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

September 22, 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 September 25, 2017 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman
Executive Director

Vice President Blaine Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:12 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Trey Granier, Henry Baptiste (arrived at 6:13p.m.) and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Jerry Savoy.

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

Special guests included: Benjamin Chadwick and Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Mona Nosari of GCR, Inc., Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves, Kimberly Koehl of GSA, Sam Scholle of SCP DPW, Steve Cali of CLE, Lance LaPlace of GIS Engineering, Jim Simmons of NY. & Associates and Hamid Alizadeh of CB&I/APTIM. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of August 21, 2017 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Vice President Sheets mentioned that the next Board meeting will be held in the new PLD Administrative Complex. Also, a motion was needed to deviate from the agenda to accommodate Mr. Mike Defalco who needed to leave early. A motion was made by Commissioner Bosco, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre to move the report up from Mike Defalco with Broussard & Company on the Fiscal Year Audit 2016-2017. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; noted there were no items to report on the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on September 19, 2017.

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 meeting held on September 19, 2017.

Bonfire Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Chairperson of the Bonfire Committee; who reported on the Bonfire Committee meeting held on September 19, 2017.

The first item was to approve the 2017 Bonfire Guidelines as recommended by committee on September 19, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Bosco, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee; who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on September 21, 2017.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$48,472.45 as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Baptiste, 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 \$26,659.27 for the month of August 1, 2017 through August 31, 2017 as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. 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 \$747.50 for the month of July 1, 2017 through July 31, 2017 for computer technical support as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. Public Comments: None. Motion was then made by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius in the amount of \$1,509.23 for the New Administrative Complex as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. 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 the Central Auction House, Ltd. in the amount of \$400.00 for the Annual Fee as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. 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 the National Waterways Conference, Inc. in the amount of \$1,450.00 for Membership Dues as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who reported from the Personnel Committee meeting held September 21, 2017.

The first item was to approve the nomination of Ricky Bosco to the position of Board President as recommended by committee on September 21, 2017. Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections 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. Mrs. Gorman also welcomed the new Board Member Trey Granier.

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 – In the absence of Henry Picard, III, Dwight Poirrier mentioned that PLD received the letter of support from CPRA.
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard, III -Nothing to report
- c) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station – Jack Morgan, E-G - Nothing to report.
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal/Hwy.22 – Kimberly Koehl, GSA – Report in packet.
- e) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction – Glenn Shaheen, GSA
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Mona Nosari, GCR
- g) PLD Admin. Complex/DRCC – Benjamin Chadwick, LH&J
- h) LaBranche Salinity Barrier Project – Chris Williams -Nothing to report.

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of August 8, 2017, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Region South Division to Steve

Wilson, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry until July 31, 2018 or until completion of construction, whichever comes first, to conduct surveys, hazardous, toxic, radiological wastes (HTRW), soil borings, piezometers, cultural resource investigations and environmental assessments in connection with Mississippi River Levees, Pontchartrain Levee District, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, "Mississippi River, Louisiana, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District", Sta. 00+00 to Sta. 210+00, Sheet Reference Number H-8-45702, Sheets 1 through 3 of 86, dated June 2016 and also a map entitled "2016 LSU Duncan Point Seepage Borings and Piezometers Layout." Public Comments: None. Vice President Sheets made said motion, seconded by Commissioner Baptiste. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Commissioner St. Pierre mentioned that his wife's sister passed, funeral will be Wednesday, September 27th, anyone interested in attending, you are welcome.

NEW BUSINESS

Report from Mike Defalco with Broussard & Company on Fiscal Audit 2016-2017. (Item moved before the Committee Reports.)

ADJOURNMENT

Vice President Sheets moved, seconded by Commissioner Granier to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:46 p.m.

Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President

Pontchartrain Levee District