

The Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, February 17, 2020, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 14, 2020

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 February 17, 2020 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

Vice President Blaine Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:06 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Henry Baptiste (arrived at 6:23 p.m.), Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Ricky Bosco.

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

Special guests included: Kimberly Koehl of GSA, David Boyd of BKI, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Jack Morgan & Lee Walker of Evans Graves, Mona Nosari of GCR, Trey Simon & Chad Kropp of IUL and John Troutman of CPRA.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 21, 2020 was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. There were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Vice President Sheets, Chairperson of said committee; noted that there were no items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on February 11, 2020.

**Equipment Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner St. Pierre, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on February 11, 2020.

**Finance Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Vice Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on February 13, 2020.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$52,592.45 for the month of January 2020, as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoices from GCR, Inc. totaling 63,451.46 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$5,852.38; Laurel Ridge - \$803.63 and WSLP - \$56,795.45) said invoicing representing the fees from January 1, 2020 through January 31, 2020 as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 \$50,683.52 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Wilson. Commissioner Jerry Savoy – Abstain. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$8,510.00 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Savoy, 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 the GCR Inc. for computer technical support for January 2020 in the amount of \$747.50 as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the expenses for the National Waterways Conference 2020 Legislative Summit in Washington D.C. held on March 9-11, 2020 as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was 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 expenses for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana workshop in Baton Rouge, LA held on May 7-8, 2020 as recommended by committee on February 13, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, 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 Hebert, Vice Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on February 13, 2020.

## **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 the LONO report 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 – David Boyd, BKI
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – David Boyd, BKI
- c) St. Charles Urban/Walker/Almedia Pump Station - Lee Walker, 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

### **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

**Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** – Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to requests of September 21, 2018, revised October 22, 2018 and January 15, 2020, for right of entry, with ingress and egress, to conduct surveys and other investigations for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System project, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Map File No. H-44-8214, Sheet Nos. G-001 – G-008 and C-001 – C-023, September 2018, last revised October 19, 2018, for a period of 12 months, beginning upon a date to be specified in the AFE. This AFE covers lands owned by the Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police, said AFE will be subject to any additional provisions in the amendment to temporary access agreement which are to be approved by Dwight Poirrier, Special Counsel. Public Comments: None. A motioned was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

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said AFE will be subject to any additional provisions in the amendment to right of entry agreement which are to be approved by Dwight Poirrier, Special Counsel. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Boudreaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson 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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Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President  
Pontchartrain Levee District