

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, March 16, 2020, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 13, 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 immediately following the budget public hearing at 6:00 p.m. on Monday March 16, 2020 at the Lutcher Office, Lutcher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

Vice President Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:21 p.m. Ms. Bush was asked to call roll. The following members were present: Messrs. Trey Granier, Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., Blaine J. Sheets, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Ricky Bosco, Henry Baptiste and Percy Hebert, Jr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary, Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Captain 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 (via conference call): David Boyd of BKI and Nathan Junius of LH&J.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 17, 2020 was offered by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. 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 March 10, 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 March 10, 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 March 12, 2020.

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$28,385.34 for the month of February 2020, as recommended by committee on March 12, 2020. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 69,199.06 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$1,099.75; Laura Ridge - \$45.50 and WSLP - \$68,053.81) said invoicing representing the fees from February 1, 2020 through February 28, 2020 as recommended by committee on March 12, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$2,981.38 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on March 12, 2020. Public Comments: None. This motion was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Vice President Sheets. Commissioner Jerry Savoy – Abstain. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve the invoice from GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$6,725.93 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as

recommended by committee on March 12, 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 February 2020 in the amount of \$110.86 as recommended by committee on March 12, 2020. Public Comments: None. The motion was made by Commissioner Wilson, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairperson of said committee; who noted that there were no items to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on March 12, 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 within packets for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative. Written reports were also in the board members packets and an update given by David Boyd, via conference call.

- 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 – Jack Morgan, 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 December 19, 2018, revised February 7, 2019 and February 13, 2020, for right of entry to conduct surveys and other investigations for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System project, Stockpile Areas, St. John the Baptist Parish, Map File No. H-8-48227, Sheet Nos. G-01 through – G-03, SP-01, and SP-05, December 10, 2018, last revised February 15, 2019, with Stockpile Area I being limited to 1-TWA-1 and 1-TWA-2 as shown on the Right of Way Map of Stockpile 1 and Access Road J, West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist, Louisiana, dated October 15, 2019, prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S. of Riverland’s Surveying Company, for a period of 12 months.

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.

## **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

Vice President Sheets thanked everyone for their concern, calls during the passing of his mother and those that attended the funeral service.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Commissioner Boudreaux stated that she would like to say, “Congrats to Monica Salins Gorman on her appointment to CPRA board.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Adopt Budget for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2021

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Wilson and seconded by  
Commissioner Boudreaux:

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has requested all state governing boards, agencies political subdivisions to adopt a budget for each fiscal year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in order to be in compliance with Acts 1985, No. 785, effective July 22, 1985 (LA R.S. 38:318) and to honor the request and intent of the Legislature, and;

**WHEREAS**, the major mission of said district is to maintain the east bank Mississippi River levee system as defined in LA R.S. 38:291 (L), to insure the levee integrity and capability, to safely understand river stages and hurricane tidal surges, and;

**WHEREAS**, said District's additional purpose is to construct or support construction by others of new or enhanced levels of protection, to anticipate weaknesses in the levee system in order to avoid flooding caused by high river stages or hurricane tidal surges, and;

**WHEREAS**, careful consideration has been given to the assets and liabilities of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and;

**WHEREAS**, considering taxing revenues and other income and reviewing the anticipated expenditures of said District,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, with the recommendations of the Administrative Staff of the Pontchartrain Levee District, the following budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2021 be adopted:

**SEE ADDENDUM "A"**

Anyone having any objection to the foregoing budget should contact the Levee Board Office in Litcher, Louisiana and a public hearing will be scheduled.

The resolution to adopt the budget carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

The next agenda item a resolution for another lamp account.

The following resolution was moved by Commissioner Boudreaux and seconded by  
Commissioner Wilson:

**WHEREAS**, Pontchartrain Levee District, desiring to invest in the Louisiana Asset Management Pool, Inc. (LAMP), is a "public entity" as that term is defined in the Articles of Incorporation of LAMP, Inc. and is subject to the restrictions imposed under the laws of the State of Louisiana with respect to the investment of funds of municipalities, parishes and other political subdivisions (a "Public Entity"); and

WHEREAS, such Public Entity has received and reviewed the Depositing Members' Information Statement and such other documents as it deems material related to an investment in the LAMP, including documents relating to the organization and investment policies of the LAMP; and

WHEREAS, such Public Entity has determined that an investment in the LAMP is consistent with its investment authority, including any limitations imposed under the laws of the State of Louisiana, and such Public Entity now desires, from time to time, to invest its funds in the LAMP.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that such Public Entity is hereby authorized and empowered to enter in an "Account Application & Agreements Form" for the purpose of establishing one or more accounts for investment purposes in the LAMP; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the individuals names below, in their capacities as authorized officers, employees or agents of such Public Entity, are hereby authorized and empowered to invest and transfer, in accordance with investment policies of the Public Entity, funds from any such account established in the LAMP for the benefit of such Pubic Entity; to issue letters of instruction related to any such account or investments thereunder; and to take any and all other actions which they deem necessary or appropriate in connection with the establishment of one or more accounts in the LAMP and the investment of funds thereunder:

(Monica Salins and Gloristine "Jean" Bush)

The resolution carried.

#### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Boudreaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Wilson to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Blaine J. Sheets, Vice President  
Pontchartrain Levee District