

The Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, May 18, 2020, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

May 15, 2020

Dear Sir:

You are hereby notified that, in accordance with the State of Louisiana Executive Department Proclamation No. 37 JBE-2020, the Pontchartrain Levee District shall conduct the monthly Board Meeting via teleconference in order to adhere to the Governor's "stay home" order. The board meeting shall be conducted at its regularly scheduled date and time, namely, May 18, 2020 at 6:00 p.m., CST. Any public comments shall be submitted prior to that date and time via email ([mgorman@leveedistrict.org](mailto:mgorman@leveedistrict.org)). The teleconference number shall be posted on Monday, May 18, 2020.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman  
Executive Director

Monica Salins Gorman called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Gorman asked Ms. Bush to call the roll. The following members were present on conference call: Messrs. Trey Granier, Blaine J. Sheets, Ricky Bosco, Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Jerry Savoy and Ms. Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Henry Baptiste and Leonard J. Wilson, Jr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees on conference call were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director and Mel D. Bush – Board Secretary. Also, on conference call were Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the PLD Board of Commissioners.

Special guests included (via conference call): Henry Picard & David Boyd of BKI, Nathan Junius of LH&J, Jane Dufour of GCR, Inc. and Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 20, 2020 was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Report from Security/Safety Committee (Blaine Sheets) – Nothing to Report

Report from Equipment Committee (Allen J. St. Pierre) – Nothing to Report

Report from Finance Committee (Monica S. Gorman):

The first item was to approve to move forward with the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension appraisal updates and move forward with acquisition of property, i.e. right of way, flowage easements, etc. as discussed and recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: Jerry Savoy abstained. There were no other public comments. A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. . There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve extending the recently updated Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between PLD and the Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club for an additional one (1) year term, as discussed and recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered Commissioner Hebert, 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$48,944.94 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, 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 GCR, Inc. totaling \$50,390.02 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$2,699.44; Laurel Ridge - \$281.19 and WSLP - \$47,409.39) said invoicing representing the fees from April 1, through April 30, 2020 as recommended by

committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: Jerry Savoy abstained. There were no other public comments. A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$8,944.15 for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: Jerry Savoy abstained. There were no other public comments. A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 GSA Consulting Engineers, Inc. in the amount of \$14,083.82 for Bluff Swamp Control Structure (formerly Alligator/Frog/Fish Bayous) as recommended on by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Vice President 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, Inc. in the amount of \$517.50 for computer technical support for the month of April 2020 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for West Shore Task Order #9 in the amount of \$12,055.25 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for West Shore Enhancement Project Airline Highway Backwater Protection in the amount of \$115,018.58 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: Commissioner Boudreaux asked, "Is this the last bill coming through on this project to this point?" Henry Picard from BKI

answered, “Yes ma’am this represents the 60% complete plans.” A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item was to approve to move the PLD Budget FY 2019-2020, Engineering Services budget line item 70221.27 in the amount of \$158,657.00 to the PLD Budget FY 2019-2020, Maintenance Building budget line item 70632 as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Savoy, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. 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 following 408 Endorsement as recommended by committee on May 14, 2020:

BASF Chemical – request of April 16, 2020, through Mammoet USA South, Inc., concerning permission to transport five (5) components across the left descending Mississippi River bank, vicinity of second order levee station 2235+15, at Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Report from Personnel Committee (Percy Hebert):

The first item was to approve the renewal of the contract for Professional Services between the Pontchartrain Levee District and D Got This Cleaning Company, LLC for one (1) year beginning June 3, 2020 until June 2, 2021. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Savoy. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

## **STAFF REPORTS**

Executive Director Report: Monica Salins Gorman

Reports on Projects: Reports are within packets for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative. Written reports are also in the board members packets and an update given by Henry Picard/David Boyd and Jane Dufour, via conference call.

- a) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection – Henry Picard/David Boyd, BKI
- b) St. James/Ascension Storm Surge Project – Henry Picard/David Boyd, BKI
- c) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway-Panama Canal/Hwy.22
- d) Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction
- e) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee – Jane Dufour, GCR

#### **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

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

President Bosco thanked everyone for working through these circumstances with COVID-19, particularly since we are approaching 2020 Hurricane Season and that too will be modified to adhere to social distancing, etc. He also mentioned that Commissioner Trey Granier had water damage to his home from all of the recent rain in St. Charles Parish over the previous weekend.

#### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

Under the provisions of Title 24 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes, LA Legislative Auditor has awarded the audit contract to Griffin & Furman for the next three (3) fiscal years ending June 2020, June 2021 and June 2022 in the amount of \$8,400.00 per year and to authorize the board president to execute said contract as requested by the LA Legislative Auditor. Public

Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no public comments, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

### ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Granier moved, seconded by Commissioner Savoy to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:20 p.m.

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Mel D. Bush, Board Secretary

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Ricky Bosco, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District