

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, August 16, 2021, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

August 13, 2021

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, August 16, 2021 at the Lutch Office, Lutch, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Vice President Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Monica Salins Gorman was asked to call the roll. Committee member present were: Blaine J. Sheets, Senecca Boudreaux, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III, and Randy T. Clouatre, Sr. Committee member via teleconference was: None. Absent was: None.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees present were: Shevette Fulton-PLD Board Secretary, Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director and Matthew Arseneaux – PLD Police Captain. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Recognition of guests at PLD HQ included: Nathan Junius with LH&J, Kimberly Koehl with McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, A.J. Domangue of Civix, and John Troutman of CPRA.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 19, 2021 was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Co-Chair of said committee, who noted that there was only one item to report from the Security/Safety Committee meeting held on August 10, 2021.

The only item was to approve the Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) as presented and as recommended by committee on August 10, 2021. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was offered by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Boudreaux. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Co-chair of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on August 10, 2021.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Boudreaux, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on August 12, 2021:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$63,008.93 for the month of July 2021 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$79,466.07 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV- \$9,599.30; Laurel Ridge - \$3,893.75 and WSLP- \$65,973.02) said invoicing representing the fees from July 1 through July 31, 2021 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$6,472.35 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as

recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. 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 objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next, was to approve the invoice invoices from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$1,490.69 (June) and \$4,472.07 (July) for a total of \$5,962.76 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, 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 invoices from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative for Bayou Boyle in the amount of \$10,517.90 (June) and \$1,078.00 (July) for a total of \$11,595.90 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was the approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative specific to Highway 22 Project in the amount of \$1,348.50 (June) as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from McKim & Creed for Bluff Swamp Control Structure in the amount of \$772.56 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,011.75 for West Shore Task Order No. 9 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for LPV ICRR Gate Armoring Settlement Survey in the amount of \$5,240.75 as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from National Waterways Conference for 2021-2022 Membership Dues as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, 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 following 408 Requests as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021:

- a) **St. Charles Parish Department of Recreation** - request of March 10, 2021, revised July 21, 2021, and July 22, 2021, through Coastal Permitting, LLC, concerning permission to install nine (9) rest stations, each to include one (1) trash receptacle, one (1) bike rack, one (1) bench along the St. Charles Bike Path, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana.

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 objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

- b) **ADM - Destrehan** - request of August 12, 2021, through Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., concerning permission to install a new, elevated, pile-supported MCC Platform on the batture of the Mississippi River adjacent to an existing approach way. Additionally, a temporary earthen levee ramp with timber matting for equipment access will need to be installed and then removed after the project is complete.

Public Comments? None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the changes as modified and corrected by

PLD Board Counsel, Dwight Poirrier, to the HVAC contract with Watson Mechanical for the PLD Administrative Headquarters as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Task Order No. 4 with McKim & Creed for the Project Summary within the Bayou Manchac Regional Watershed as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and the City/Parish of East Baton Rouge, Iberville Parish and Ascension Parish, relative to the Bayou Manchac Regional Watershed; PLD Board Counsel Dwight Poirrier circulating same amongst the parishes; and allowing Blaine Sheets as Vice President of PLD to execute same, all as recommended by committee on August 12, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Cloutre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. 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 stated that there were no items to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on August 12, 2021.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director/LONO Report: The Executive Director's report was in the packet for the board members review. Mrs. Gorman offered her assistance to any of the members should they have any questions or comments concerning any of the issued LONOs within the last month.

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 packet for review)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction, LA 22 Gapping Project (Kimberly Koehl, GSA)
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee, ROE's, LRLE, WSLP (A.J. Domangue, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of June 14, 2021, from Todd M. Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division, to Chip Kline, Chairman, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, and Ricky Bosco, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District and for a right-of-entry for a period of 24 months, to conduct surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resource investigations, and hazardous, toxic, and radiological wastes (HTRW) assessments in connection with Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), St. Rose Levee Enlargement, Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD), Baseline Station (B/L Sta.) 5811+00 to B/L Sta. 5908+00, St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, ““Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), , Pontchartrain Levee District, St. Rose Levee Enlargement, ROE for Surveys, Borings, HTRW, Environmental and Cultural Resources, St. Charles Parish”, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01 through R-05, dated May, 2021

Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said Right of Entry was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections, and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Ratify the approval of the Pontchartrain Levee District Executive Director to act and sign as board secretary from May 1st through July 31st, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said ratification was made by Commissioner Boudreaux, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Commissioner Boudreaux requested that the PLD Executive Director place elections for President/Vice President on the September Board Meeting, i.e. September 20th, 2021, under New Business.

Commissioner Matthew Butler questioned the ongoing discussions between the PLD and St. Charles Parish regarding the Cross Bayou Pump Station. Some discussion was had concerning the transfer agreement, as well as the 50/50 arrangement as referenced in the original IGA and that LH&J remain involved in this matter until said transfer has been completed.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Boudreaux moved, seconded by Commissioner Granier to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Shevette Fulton, Board Secretary

Blaine Sheets, Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District