

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at The Clarion Inn & Conference Center (Ascension Room), Gonzales, LA on Monday, October 18, 2021, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 15, 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, October 18, 2021 at The Clarion Inn & Conference Center, 1500 Louisiana 30 West, Ascension Room, Gonzales, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

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

Pontchartrain Levee District employees present were: Monica Salins Gorman – Executive Director, Kenny Steib, Sr.- Levee Board Operations Superintendent, and Kelly Poche- PLD Administrative Assistant 6. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Recognition of guests in the Ascension Room included: Representative Ken Brass, former PLD Board member Henry Baptiste, Glenn Shaheen of McKim & Creed, Mona Nosari of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, David Boyd of BKI, Senecca Toussaint of La Terre Engineering, Max Nassar of WSP, Dale Holley of ELOS and Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 20, 2021, was offered by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Sheets, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report on October 12, 2021.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux 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 October 12, 2021.

Finance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairperson of the Finance Committee, who reported on the Finance Committee meeting held on October 14, 2021:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the advanced certification of Just Compensation for acquisition of right of way owned by The Wildwood Trust for Parcels 1-2, 1-3, and CP3 based on compensation determined by the appraised value and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to sign any and all documents required for the transfer of Parcels 1-2, 1-3, and CP3 to the Pontchartrain Levee District as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, 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 and authorize payment to the State of Louisiana in the amount of \$14,965.00 for the purchase of Parcel 4-1 from the State of Louisiana pursuant to Act No. 33 of the 2018 Regular Session and authorize the President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to sign any and all documents required for the transfer of Parcel 4-1 to the Pontchartrain Levee District and discussions of options for remainder tract as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve to move all of the November Committee Meetings to Wednesday, November 10th due to the Veteran's Day Holiday as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$29,264.30 for the month of September 2021 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next agenda item was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$87,888.06 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV- \$11,354.03; Laurel Ridge - \$3,319.27 and WSLP- \$73,214.76) said invoicing representing the fees from September 1 through September 30, 2021 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$9,719.31 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoices from McKim & Creed for Bluff Swamp Control Structure in the amount of \$6,379.18 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public

Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Highway 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$2,271.50 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Project in the amount \$5,307.00 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. 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 \$1,786.75 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Iberville Parish Council for the share of the Imagery License Cost in the amount of \$542.90 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from St. James Parish Sheriff Office for the Louisiana Sugar Refinery (LSR) share of the legal fees for August 2021 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner St. Pierre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Griffin & Furman LLC for the final audit invoice in the amount of \$4,200.00 as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public

Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Bonfire Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner St. Pierre who noted that there was only one item for approval and that was to approve the 2021 Bonfire Guidelines with exception to the dates once they are received from St. John the Baptist Parish and authorize the Board President to sign the Christmas Bonfire Program Agreements with Local Governmental Entities as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert who stated that there was only one item for approval and that was to approve the performance adjustments for the Executive Director and the Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners effective August 1, 2021, as recommended by committee on October 14, 2021. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. 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 the board members review. Mrs. Gorman reviewed her report with members noting a few highlights concerning Hurricane Ida, monthly training opportunities with the AG's office, a bit of discussion concerning a PLD workshop that she would create, as well as, thanking members for their continued support and confidence as their Executive Director. And as always, she 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 (David Boyd, BKI)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction, LA 22 Gapping Project (Glenn Shaheen, McKim & Creed)
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee, ROE's, LRLE, WSLP (Mona Nosari, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of September 15, 2021, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division to Ricky Bosco, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2022 and ending December 31, 2022, for access and vehicle parking in connection with annual maintenance dredging at various deep and shallow draft crossings located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as shown on drawings entitled, “Red Eye Crossing ROE, Sardine Point Crossing ROE, Medora Crossing ROE, Granada Crossing ROE, Bayou Goula Crossing ROE, Alhambra Crossing ROE, Philadelphia/81 Mile Point Crossing ROE, Smoke Bend Crossing ROE, Rich Bend/Belmont Crossing ROE and Fairview Crossing ROE,” dated November, 2009. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Boudreaux addressed members thanking them for their participation and inclusion in the recent evaluations. She also was glad that the executive director brought up coordinating a PLD Workshop and asked members to notify Mrs. Gorman of any specific topics and/or recommendations that they might have in mind. President Boudreaux also asked that members continue to pray for Mrs. Shevette Fulton as she continues to get better while out sick.

OLD BUSINESS

At this time, President Boudreaux asked for a motion to add 2 items to the agenda specific to the absence of the board secretary and the current state of emergency. Public Comments: None. A motion to add 2 agenda items was made by Commissioner Cloutre, and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The first item was to ratify the approval of the Pontchartrain Levee District Executive Director to act and sign as board secretary beginning October 1, 2021 until further notice. Public Comments: None. A motion to approve said item was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to ratify the amendment/extension to the State of Emergency for Hurricane Ida until November 5, 2021. Public Comments: None. A motion to approve the agenda item was offered by Commissioner Pourciau, and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District and on behalf of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana providing for the appropriation under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana of lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way required for construction of West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana as shown on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Map File No. H-8-48286, Sheet Identification Nos. R-001 through R-005, R-007 through R-011, and R-019 through R-021 dated February 2021, last revised August 5, 2021. Public Comments: None.

On the motion of Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District and on behalf of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana providing for the appropriation under the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana of lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way required for construction of West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana as shown on U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District, Map File No. H-8-48286, Sheet Identification Nos. R-001 through R-005, R-007 through R-011, and R-019 through R-021 dated February 2021, last revised August 5, 2021.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (USACE) has determined that certain lands, easements, servitudes and rights-of-way situated in the Parish of St. John, State of Louisiana are required for the construction of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project (Project), St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana as shown on USACE right-of-way drawings, Map File No. H-8-48286, Sheet Identification Nos. R-001 through R-005, R-007 through R-011, and R-019 through R-021 dated February 2021, last revised August 5, 2021, as requested by USACE via letters dated January 24, 2020, April 30, 2020, June 12, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 20, 2020, September 28, 2020, December 3, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 15, 2021, March 1, 2021, March 25, 2021, April 8, 2021, July 9, 2021, July 21, 2021, August 3, 2021, and August 18, 2021 from Todd M. Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, to Mr. Chip Kline, Chairman of the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana (CPRA), and Mr. Ricky Bosco, President, Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD); and,

WHEREAS, the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana and PLD, as Non-Federal Sponsors of the Project, have the responsibility for providing all lands, easements, servitudes, and rights-of-way determined by USACE to be required for the construction of the Project; and,

WHEREAS the Project requires Road Easements as shown on the USACE right-of-way drawings; and,

WHEREAS, a “Road Easement” is a perpetual and assignable easement and right-of-way in, on over and across the following described land for the location, construction, operation, maintenance, alteration and replacement of a road and appurtenances thereto; together with the right to trim, cut, fell and remove therefrom all trees, underbrush, obstructions and other vegetation, structures, or obstacles within the limits of the right-of-way; reserving, however, to the owners, their heirs and assigns, the right to cross over or under the right-of-way as access to their adjoining land; subject, however, to existing easements for public roads and highways, public utilities, railroads and pipelines; and,

WHEREAS, the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana provide that levee districts are authorized to appropriate needed lands for levee, drainage, flood and hurricane protection purposes;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, for and on behalf of PLD and the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana, that:

1. That portion of the lands situated in the Parish of St. John on the east side of the Mississippi River as shown on USACE right-of-way drawings, Map File No. H-8-48286, Sheet Identification Nos. R-001 through R-005, R-007 through R-011, and R-019 through R-021 dated February 2021, last revised August 5, 2021, collectively attached hereto as EXHIBIT A, as requested by USACE via letters dated January 24, 2020, April 30, 2020, June 12, 2020, July 24, 2020, August 20, 2020, September 28, 2020, December 3, 2020, December 9, 2020, January 19, 2021, February 15, 2021, March 1, 2021, March 25, 2021, April 8, 2021, July 9, 2021, July 21, 2021, August 3, 2021, and August 18, 2021 from Todd M. Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, to Mr. Chip Kline, Chairman of CPRA, and Mr. Ricky Bosco, President, PLD, collectively attached hereto as EXHIBIT B, said lands being limited to the Road Easements as described in the attached legal descriptions, prepared by Stephen P. Flynn, P.L.S., and shown on the attached surveys, described as Right of Way Map for Access Road B from Airline Highway North Across Various Lands to Reach WSLP-109, West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, dated October 29, 2020, last revised August 27, 2021, Right of Way Map for Access Road C from Airline Highway North and West Across the Ten-G portion of Terre Haute Plantation West and North Across the Marathon Portion of Terre Haute Plantation, West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, dated August 24, 2020, last revised September 28, 2021, and Right of Way Map for Access Road G from I-10 North Across the Belle Terre Land, L.L.C. Portion of LaPlace Plantation, West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana, dated September 22, 2020, last revised October 7, 2021, collectively attached hereto as EXHIBIT C, is hereby appropriated in accordance with the provisions of the constitution and laws of the State of Louisiana.
2. The acquisition of said easements shall be in the name of the Pontchartrain Levee District.
3. Senecca D. Boudreaux, President of the Board of Commissioners for PLD, is hereby authorized to approve, sign and issue the Authorization for Entry for the requested right of entry, including right of ingress and egress, to the United States of America for the construction of the Project upon the lands herein appropriated and any remaining portions of property covered under the requested right of entry that PLD has obtained the necessary rights for.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of USACE right-of-way drawings, Map File No. H-8-48286, referenced above shall be kept on file in the offices of PLD for the review and/or copying by any affected property owner or any other interested person.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall be published in the official journal of the PLD in the manner prescribed by law.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a certified copy of this resolution shall be furnished to each known property owner of record affected thereby, by certified mail, return receipt requested.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the compensation due the affected landowners as determined in accordance with applicable law shall be paid within one year of the date of this resolution.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Leonard C. Irvin, Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre Sr., Aaron Pourciau, Matthew Butler and Randy Clouatre, Sr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Claude A. "Trey" Granier, II

There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 18th day of October, 2021.

A Resolution authorizing Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, or Blaine Sheets, Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights of entry, Authorizations for Entry, and any other instruments on behalf of the Pontchartrain Levee District in furtherance of the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None.

On the motion of Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau, the following resolution was adopted:

RESOLUTION

A Resolution authorizing Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, or Blaine Sheets, Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights of entry, Authorizations for Entry, and any other instruments on behalf of the Pontchartrain Levee District in furtherance of the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, on March 6, 2018, the Pontchartrain Levee District (“PLD”) and East Ascension Gravity Drainage District (“EAGDD”) executed an Intergovernmental Agreement for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension, Louisiana (“Project”).

WHEREAS, the PLD has the obligation to provide all real estate, right of way, expropriation, title reports, and any other services related to the acquisition of the real property required to complete the Project, including properties necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that Senecca Boudreaux and Blaine Sheets are hereby authorized to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights-of-entry, Authorizations for Entry, and any other instruments on behalf of the Pontchartrain Levee District in furtherance of acquiring the real property necessary for the levee, any structures or component parts, including appurtenances, mitigation monitoring easements, and flowage easements, required for construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana.

The forgoing was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Leonard C. Irvin, Percy Hebert, Jr., Allen J. St. Pierre Sr., Aaron Pourciau, Matthew Butler and Randy Clouatre, Sr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Claude A. “Trey” Granier, II

There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Butler moved, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman, Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District