

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday, February 21, 2022, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

February 18, 2022

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 21, 2022, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071.

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. Board members present were: Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, and Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III. Absent: Randy T. Clouatre, Sr. and Blaine J. Sheets.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was: Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director, Kelly Poche- Administrative Assistant 6, Kenneth Steib, Sr.- PLD Levee Boards Operations Superintendent and PLD Police Captain Matthew Arseneaux. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joseph Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners.

Recognition of guests included: Jane Dufour of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Senecca Toussant of La Terre Engineering, Jared Monceaux of Hartman Engineering, Nickie Monica of River Parishes Construction, Lance LaPlace of Quality Engineering, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Colt Landry of Southdown Plantation, John Troutman of CPRA, Rebecca Howell of WSP, O'Neil Malbrough of GIS and Craig Stevens of Genesis 360, LLC. On the phone was Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of January 18, 2022, was offered by Commissioner Butler, 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 Hebert, Co-Chair of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee of February 15, 2022.

**Equipment Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on February 15, 2022.

**Finance Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted there were a few items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, February 17, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Beau Jones to extend the term of the existing lease until January 31, 2023, with the option by either party to terminate at any time necessary; and to approve PLD President, Senecca Boudreaux, to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, due to the ongoing East LaBranche Marsh Creation Project (PO-0075) as recommended and as so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve to enter into a Second Amendment to Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club to extend the term of the existing lease until January 31, 2023, with the option by either party to terminate at any time necessary; and to approve PLD President, Senecca Boudreaux, to execute said Cooperative Endeavor Agreement, due to the ongoing East LaBranche Marsh Creation Project (PO-0075) as

recommended and as so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$35,250.64 for the month of January 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$47,834.60 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV- \$4,032.71; Laurel Ridge - \$18,835.86 and WSLP- \$24,966.03) representing the fees from January 1 through January 31, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, 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 Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$4,207.50 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. 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 \$ 2,385.11 as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, 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 \$22,698.87 as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. Public

Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning Project in the amount of \$11,829.00 as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. 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 was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative for the Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount \$616.00 as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. 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 objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$1,804.75 as recommended by committee on February 17, 2022. 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 approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$10,011.29 for the Ascension Storm Surge as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. 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 on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Linfield, Hunter & Junius totaling \$9,140.00 (December \$3,795.00; and January \$5,345.00) for the Cross Bayou Pump Station Pipe Straps as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the expense for the 87<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Legislative Meeting in Washington, DC on March 6 – 9, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, 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 expenses for the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Workshop in Baton Rouge, LA on May 5 -6, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, 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, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was only one item to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on February 17, 2022, specifically:

The agenda was to approve the updated contract for Joseph Sevario as recommended and so noted in committee on February 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 and LONO's issued were in the packet for the board members review. Ms. Gorman offered that if any of the board members have any questions they could email or contact her directly.

**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 and the Ascension Parish Storm Surge Protection Project (Henry Picard, BKI)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Bluff Swamp & Spanish Lake Flood Risk Reduction, LA 22 Gapping Project (Kimberly Koehl, McKim & Creed over the phone)
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee, ROE's, LRLE, WSLP (Jane Dufour, Civix)

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Statement of No Objection (408)**

a) IMTT Geismar – request of January 7, 2022, through Duplantis Design Group, concerning permission to perform bridge dock and pipe rack extension, at Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish. 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.

b) Southdown Plantation, LLC – request of January 5, 2022, through Colt Landry, concerning permission to install two (2) strand electric fencing parallel to gravel road, in Iberville Parish. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project**

Approve the Just Compensation for acquisition of right of way for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project for Parcels 4-2,4-2-C-1, 4-2-SP-1, 5-1, 5-1-SP-1, 5-2, SS4, 8-1, and CP1 based on compensation determined by 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 4-2, 4-2-C-1, 4-2-SP-1, 5-1, 5-1-SP-1, 5-2, SS4, 8-1, and CP1 to the Pontchartrain Levee District. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners to purchase and/or expropriate Parcel 3-2 now or formerly owned by Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

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

### **RESOLUTION**

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 3-2 now or formerly owned by Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al 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.

**WHEREAS**, portions of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project is across property now or formerly owned by Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al identified as Parcel 3-2; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offers to Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offers in the total amount of \$12,670.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al for the Project based on the higher of the two (2) appraisals prepared by two (2) licensed Appraisers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offers or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

1. In the event that the required real property for Parcel 3-2 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;
2. That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

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, Matthew Butler, Claude Granier, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin, Aaron Pourciau and Allen St. Pierre

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randy Clouatre and Blaine Sheets

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners to purchase and/or expropriate Parcel 6-1 now or formerly owned by Caroline Frederic, et al required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin, the following resolution was adopted:

#### **RESOLUTION**

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 6-1 now or formerly owned by Caroline Frederic, et al 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.

**WHEREAS**, portions of the real property determined to be required for the construction of the Project is across property now or formerly owned by Caroline Frederic, et al identified as Parcel 6-1; and,

**WHEREAS**, on January 13, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offers to Caroline Frederic, et al for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

**WHEREAS**, the Just Compensation Offers in the total amount of \$23,505.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Caroline Frederic, et al for the Project based on the higher of the two (2) appraisals prepared by two (2) licensed Appraisers; and,

**WHEREAS**, the PLD has informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offers or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

1. In the event that the required real property for Parcel 6-1 cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, in accordance with the law;
2. That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

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, Matthew Butler, Claude Granier, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin, Aaron Pourciau and Allen St. Pierre

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Randy Clouatre and Blaine Sheets

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 21<sup>st</sup> day of February, 2022.

### West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcels 2-B-1, 2-2 & 2-3 in connection with the Access Roads Construction Contract, WSLP-109, and WSLP-110 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals. Public Comments: Commissioner Butler questioned the break down of just compensation amongst these parcels. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcels 16-1 and 1-P-1 in connection with WSLP-104 and Access Roads Construction Contract for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcel 1-A-3 in connection with the Access Roads Construction Contract for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcels 18-5, 18-6, 18-7, 18-8, 19-2, 19-4, and 23-2 in connection with WSLP-101, WSLP-102, and WSLP-103 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Pourciau moved, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and meeting adjourned at 6:49 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President