

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, April 18, 2022, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 14, 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, April 18, 2022, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

President Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, Randy T. Clouatre, Sr. and Blaine J. Sheets. Absent: Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director and Kelly Poche- Administrative Assistant 6. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel.

Monica Salins Gorman was asked for the recognition of guests. Recognition of guests included: Jane Dufour and Leslie Ray of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III and David Boyd of BKI, Seneca Toussant of La Terre Engineering, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Max Nassar of WSP, Tyrone Hogan and Rickey Davis of D. Hayes, LLC, Nickie Monica of River Parishes Construction, Roy Glapion of The Beta Group and Lance Laplace of Quality Engineers.

A motion to approve the public hearing and regular board monthly meeting minutes of March 21, 2022, 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 Hebert, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee of April 12, 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 April 12, 2022.

Building Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Member of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Building Committee meeting held on April 12, 2022.

Finance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Wednesday, April 13, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$66,995.28 for the month of March 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and 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 invoices from Civix totaling \$98,407.27 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV- \$13,785.00; Laurel Ridge - \$50,470.88 and WSLP- \$34,151.39) representing the fees from March 1 through March 31, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, 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 \$2,925.00 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended by committee on April 13, 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 was to approve the invoices from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$2,236.04 as recommended by committee on April 13, 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 on the agenda was to approve the invoices from McKim & Creed for Bluff Swamp Control Structure in the amount of \$10,968.73 as recommended by committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning Project in the amount of \$30,423.35 as recommended by committee on April 13, 2022. 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- Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount \$3,304.50 as recommended by committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$2,524.50 as recommended by committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 \$47,821.71 for the Ascension Storm Surge as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2022. 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 on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius totaling \$750.00 for the CN Railroad Swing Gate as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Linfield, Hunter & Junius totaling \$275.00 for the Hurricane Ida Administrative Building Assessment related fees as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented 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 adding Vice President Blaine Sheets and Commissioner Randy Clouatre, Sr., to PLD's banking institution's signature cards and instructions to remove former Commissioner Leonard J. Wilson, Jr., for said signature card, all as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Co Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee of April 13, 2022.

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 (David Boyd, BKI)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Fish Bayou Structure project and LWI projects, specifically Hwy. 22 and the Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning project (See update within said board packet)
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee Matters, Mainline River Levee (MRL) Right of Entries, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension project and the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain project (Jane Dufour, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT'S REMARKS

President Boudreaux updated members and referenced that HB690 was pulled from the committee agenda this morning at the Capitol.

At this time, Commissioner Irvin requested to add an item to the agenda specific to the WSLP 114 Reserve Relief. Said motion was seconded by Commissioner Cloutre. Motion to approve adding said agenda item carried unanimously. There were no public comments. There was no other discussion and there were no objections.

Following said motion, the item for consideration:

WSLP-114 (Reserve Relief Canal) Request:

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District (USACE) – request of April 20, 2020, revised July 29, 2020, October 22, 2020, November 19, 2020, December 3, 2020, December 9, 2020, March 18, 2020 [sic], and February 16, 2022 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 and Ms. Seneca Boudreaux, President, Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD); for a right-of-entry for a period of five (5) years, beginning upon the date the Authorization for Entry is issued to USACE, for construction of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain (WSLP) Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, WSLP-114 (ED-19-019), St. Charles and St. John the Baptist Parishes, Louisiana and for access to adjacent levee reaches for construction of the WSLP project, as shown on USACE right-of-way drawings, Map File Number H-4-48295, Sheet Identification Numbers G-001 through G-003 and C-001 through C-004, dated April 2020, last revised January 21, 2022, limited to property now or formerly owned by the Nature Land Co., LLC.

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

NEW BUSINESS

WEST SHORE LAKE PONTCHARTRAIN HSDRRS PROJECT

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcel 3-1 in connection with construction of WSLP-109 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 as presented was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

LAUREL RIDGE LEVEE EXTENSION PROJECT

Approve the Just Compensation for acquisition of right of way for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project for Parcels 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, and 5-6 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 5-3, 5-4, 5-5, and 5-6 to the Pontchartrain Levee District.

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

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel 5-1 now or formerly owned by John S. Dupuy, Jr. required to complete the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in Ascension Parish, Louisiana

Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented and recorded below. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and this motion carried unanimously.

On the motion of Commissioner Cloutre, 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 5-1 now or formerly owned by John S. Dupuy, Jr. 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 are across property now or formerly owned by John S. Dupuy, Jr. identified as Parcel 5-1; and,

WHEREAS, on March 10, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offer to John S. Dupuy, Jr. for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$1,457.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from John S. Dupuy, Jr. 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 landowner if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offer or if the landowner declines 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 5-1 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, Blaine J. Sheets, Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Randy T. Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr. Matthew T. Butler and Aaron Pourciau

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Claude "Trey" Granier, III

Motion carried unanimously.

This resolution was declared adopted the 18th day of April, 2022.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District