

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

July 15, 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, July 18, 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 6:03 p.m. Board members present were: Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Allen J. St. Pierre, Sr., Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Randy T. Cloutre, Sr. and Blaine J. Sheets, Percy Hebert, Jr., Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III and Aaron Pourciau. Absent: None.

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

Monica Salins Gorman was asked for the recognition of guests. Recognition of guests included: Jane Dufour of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, David Boyd of BKI, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, John Troutman of CPRA, John Ohle of River Parishes Construction Materials, Steve Cali with Arcadis, Seneca Toussant with La Terre Engineering, Max Nassar with WSP, Sara Lockwood with Gulf South Engineering and Testing, and Lance Laplace with Quality Engineers.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 16, 2022, was offered by Commissioner Butler and 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 Vice President Sheets, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee of Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Equipment Committee meeting held on Tuesday, July 12, 2022.

Grant Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were no items to report from the Grants Committee meeting held on Thursday, July 14, 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 Thursday, July 14, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to authorize and direct the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension real estate team to negotiate the terms of acquisition with affected landowners, subject to the terms and conditions as discussed, to acquire the necessary right of way/real estate for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Cloutre, 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 to task Volkert to assist the Pontchartrain Levee District with the Capital Outlay submissions and documents related to said outlay forms specific the Amite River Weir Diversion project, FP&C Project No. 36-L13-22-01 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda

item was made by Commissioner Hebert, 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 to utilize Jefferson Parish's Contract No. 55-20240 for light duty vehicles per letter dated June 20, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$117,199.16 for June 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier, seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$73,113.82 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$15,655.87; Laurel Ridge - \$36,325.06 and WSLP - \$21,132.89) representing the fees from June 1, 2022 through June 30, 2022 as recommended by committee and so noted in committee on July 14, 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$4,154.09 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 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 was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Bluff Swamp Control Structure – Fish Bayou in the amount of \$10,878.15 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. 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 McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning project in the amount of \$6,765.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets, 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 McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$13,766.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Commissioner Irvin and 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$2,359.25 for the West Shore Task Order #9 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. 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.

Next was to approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. in the amount of \$21,739.00 for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Civix in the amount of \$28.75 for computer technical support for June 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the invoice from Methods for the Annual Software Fees for Payroll, Progress, Direct Deposit, LogMeIn, Budgetary and the Annual Hardware Maintenance in the amount of \$13,200.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Granier and 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 from St. James Parish Sheriff's Office for legal fees in the amount of \$11.96 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and 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 from the National Waterways Conference 2022-2023 annual dues in the amount of \$1,525.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. 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.

Next was to approve the invoice from the Louisiana State Civil Service for the Pro-Rata Share in the amount of \$14,795.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 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 Statement of No Objection (408) for Cargill request of June 15, 2022, through Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc, concerning permission to install a vehicular and pedestrian access ramp from Cargill's property, over River Road and ending at the top of the Mississippi River levee to allow access onto their existing approach way leading to their existing dock in Reserve, Louisiana, St. John the Baptist Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Cloutre, seconded by Commissioner Granier. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) for Air Liquide Large Industries U.S.L.P. request of February 9, 2022, and July 1, 2022, through HBK Engineering, concerning permission to construct and install a water line pipe rack across the left descending Mississippi River levee, vicinity of second order levee station 2272+58, near Geismar, Louisiana in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) for Willow Glen Terminals request of June 27, 2022, through Lanier & Associates Consulting Engineers, Inc., concerning permission to construct the proposed new barge dock project which consists of installation of a new dock barge, approach way, levee pipe crossing, river road crossing, and pipe supports, near mile point 201.8 of the Mississippi River on the left descending bank in Iberville Parish, Louisiana as recommended and so noted in committee on July 14, 2022. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee of July 14, 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 (Kimberly Koehl)
- 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

None.

OLD BUSINESS

Next on the agenda was Executive Session to discuss employees evaluations and compensation. A motion to enter into Executive Session for 15 minutes was offered by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Butler at approximately 6:45 p.m. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously. The recorder was turned off and the board convened into executive session.

At approximately 7 p.m. the recorder was turned back on and a motion to return to the regular agenda was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There were no motions or action(s) necessary from the Executive Session.

NEW BUSINESS

West Shore Lake Pontchartrain HSDRRS Project

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcels 1-1, 1-2, and 1-4 in connection with WSLP-114 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. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Retroactive approval for Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to request of June 21, 2022, from Todd M. Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division, to Chip Kline, Chairman, Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority of Louisiana, and Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District, for right of entry with ingress and egress to obtain a soil borings for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, shown on the right of way drawing entitled, West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, LA, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist Parish, LA, WSLP-103, Rights of Way, Map File Number H-4-48231, Sheet Identification Number C-003, dated February 2020, last revised May 23, 2022, for a period of 30 days. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Butler, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the 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 9-1, 9-2, SS1, 9-3, 9-4, and 9-5 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 9-1, 9-2, SS1, 9-3, 9-4, and 9-5 to the Pontchartrain Levee District. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 1-1 and F-1 now or formerly owned by Jerry P. Savoy and Karen Braud Savoy 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 the motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcels 1-1 and F-1 now or formerly owned by Jerry P. Savoy and Karen Braud Savoy 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 Jerry P. Savoy and Karen Braud Savoy identified as Parcels 1-1 and F-1; and,

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2022 PLD made a Just Compensation Offer to Jerry P. Savoy and Karen Braud Savoy for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$21,403.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Jerry P. Savoy and Karen Braud Savoy for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; 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 Parcels 1-1 and F-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: Randy Clouatre, Allen St. Pierre, Aaron Pourciau, Matthew Butler, Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel F-4 now or formerly owned by Paul D. Seawell, Sr., 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 the motion carried unanimously.

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

RESOLUTION

A Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and or/expropriate Parcel F-4 now or formerly owned by Paul D. Seawell, Sr., 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 are across property now or formerly owned by Paul D. Seawell, Sr., et al identified as Parcel F-4; and,

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2022 PLD made Just Compensation Offers to Paul D. Seawell, Sr., et al for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Just Compensation Offers in the total amount of \$4,856.00 were the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Paul D. Seawell, Sr., et al for the Project based on a valuation determined by a Licensed Louisiana Certified General Real Estate Appraiser; 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 F-4 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: Randy Clouatre, Allen St. Pierre, Aaron Pourciau, Matthew Butler, Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Leonard Irvin and Claude Granier

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: None.

Motion carried unanimously.

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

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President