

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, December 19th, 2022, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

December 16, 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, December 19, 2022, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

President Senecca Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. Board members present were: Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Aaron Pourciau, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Percy Hebert, Jr. 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 and Joe Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD, as well as, Wayne Theall, PLD CPA.

Monica Salins Gorman was asked to acknowledge the guests. Recognition of guests included: Senator Ed Price, Representative Tony Bacala, Representative Ken Brass, A.J. Domangue of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Mike Chopin and Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl and Glenda Shaheen of McKim & Creed, Ben Chadwick with LH&J, Edward Anthony and Lance LaPlace with Quality Engineers, Nickie Monica with River Parishes Construction, Sam Scholle with St. Charles Parish, Jared Monceaux with HEI, Dianna Poirrier, Chris Guidry with Oxy and Thomas Behan of Lemoine.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 21, 2022, was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. 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, December 13, 2022.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment Committee of Tuesday, December 13, 2022.

Insurance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Co-chair of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Insurance Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 15, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the 2023 Workers Compensation renewal coverage by LWCC in the amount of \$84,498.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the 2023 Insurance renewal coverages as presented (General Liability, Auto, Property, Inland Marine, Crime & Cyber, Excess Crime, D&O, Law Enforcement and Excess) by IUL in the amount of \$473,745.86* as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. NOTE: Correct amount should be \$482,512.96 at the Board Meeting level- amount originally approved did not reflect a specific coverage that should have been added in the formula provided on December 15, 2023. Public Comments: None. After said notation a motion was made by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to approve said 2023 Insurance renewal coverages at a cost of \$482,512.96. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda as to approve the 2023 flood insurance coverage invoices through Wright National Flood Insurance Company totaling \$5,366.00 (PLD HQ - \$2,365.00; Albert Street - \$2,145.00; and PLD Maintenance Shop - \$865.00) as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

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, December 15, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the low bidder construction bid for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension as recommended this date. At this time, Dwight Poirrier, PLD Legal Counsel addressed members. Public Comments: None. A motion was then made by Commissioner Clouatre, seconded by Commissioner Hebert for PLD to proceed with entering into contract negotiations and all other related contract requirements with the low bidder, The Lemoine Group, L.L.C., in the amount of \$24,730,550.84 (Base Bid and Alternate 1 and Alternate 2). There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Temporary Easement, Servitude Agreement and Right of Way between Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority and the Pontchartrain Levee District for PO-0194 for the LaBranche Shoreline Project in St. Charles Parish and authorize Board President, Senecca Boudreaux, to sign servitude agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between PLD and Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club for an additional one (1) year due to the interruption of the Hunting, Trapping and Fishing lease held by them, due to the CPRA LaBranche Shoreline Project PO-0194, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered

by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between PLD and Beau Jones for an additional one (1) year due to the interruption of the Hunting, Trapping and Fishing lease by CPRA LaBranche Shoreline Project PO-0194 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner St. Pierre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the Burk Kleinpeter Inc. West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Task Order No. 9 to perform extended design review and request contract increase by \$50,000.00 increasing the NTE cap from \$300,000.00 to \$350,000.00 as recommended and so noted by committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$62,356.69 for November 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda as to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$29,445.37 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$13,167.28; Laurel Ridge - \$6,262.82; WSLP - \$10,015.27) representing the fees from November 1, 2022, through November 30, 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,425.01 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$25,779.98, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Fish Bayou in the amount of \$2,578.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$48,120.25 for November 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$1,828.50 for November 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for the computer technical support for November 2022 in the amount of \$615.50, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for design of metal canopy at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$6,397.23 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for Cross Bayou Discharge Pipe Straps in the amount of \$1,665.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from St. James Parish Assessor for professional services for appraisal of industrial plants in the amount of \$591.33 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Statement of No Objection for Marathon Petroleum request of November 23, 2022, through TRC Companies, concerning permission to transport two (2) reactor vessels to the Garyville Refinery site via barge to a landing point, levee station 4533+67, at Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on December 15, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 15, 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. Mrs. 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, III, BKI)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, Fish Bayou Structure project and LWI projects, specifically Hwy. 22 (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 (A.J. Domangue, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux addressed members and guests and thanked everyone for getting out in this cold and rainy weather. She acknowledged members of our state delegation present and thanked those who cooked or brought any food for everyone to enjoy after the meeting. President Boudreaux wished everyone a happy and safe holiday season and asked everyone to remain after the meeting to join us for some great food and company.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Ascension Parish Lease Bid Opening. At this time, Dwight Poirrier, PLD Legal Counsel opened the two (2) sealed bids for the PLD property currently up for lease in Ascension Parish. After review of both bids, the highest bidder, Christopher Nance was recommended for approval. Public Comments: None. A motion was then made by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to grant said lease to Christopher Nance at a cost of \$501.00 per year. Mr. Poirrier indicated that he would reach out to Mr. Nance to finalize all of the paperwork, etc.

The following resolution was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau:

WHEREAS, David Laborde began his tenure on January 21, 1980. He served graciously until July 16, 2004 as the St. James Parish Commissioner for the Pontchartrain Levee District and was called Home on November 13, 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from his 24 years of knowledge and experience and is grateful to have had such a dedicated Commissioner; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District do hereby extend heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of David Laborde; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this resolution be spread upon the permanent records of this Board and that a certified copy thereof be forwarded to the family of David Laborde.

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

YEA: Leonard Irvin, Percy Hebert, Blaine Sheets, Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Aaron Pourciau and Randy Clouatre

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Claude Granier, III

The resolution was declared adopted.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:38 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President