

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

November 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, November 21, 2022, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, 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, Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III, and Randy Clouatre, Sr. Absent were: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Percy Hebert, Jr.

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

Monica Salins Gorman was asked for the recognition of guests. Recognition of guests included: Jane Dufour of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Rebecca Howell with WSP, Nathan Junius with LH&J, Edward Anthony and Lance LaPlace with Quality Engineers, Nickie Monica with River Parishes Construction, Sam Scholle with St. Charles Parish, Seth Bradley with Dewberry, Trey Simon with IUL and Seneca Toussant with LaTerre.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 17, 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, November 15, 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, November 15, 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, November 17, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to advertise for the Ascension Parish Lease as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the authorization to negotiate and enter into an agreement for utility relocations with DEMCO for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00 for Lake Martin Road and \$7,000.00 for Wall Cemetery Road and to authorize the PLD Board President, Senecca Boudreaux, to sign any and all agreements necessary for these relocations, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 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 as to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$68,135.24 for October 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 Civix totaling \$ 42,790.04 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$18,346.87; Laurel Ridge - \$9,898.40; WSLP - \$14,217.46 and Highway 22 - \$327.31) representing the fees from October 1, 2022 through October 31, 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,905.22 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Fish Bayou in the amount of \$2,459.25, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$60,714.50, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Project -Snagging/Clearing – Phase 1 in the amount of \$4,454.17, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Sheets 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 Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Project – Regional Detention Project – Phase 2 in the amount of \$7,913.86, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier 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 as to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$28,487.25 for October 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$72,833.50 for October 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 invoice from Civix for the computer technical support for the month of September in the amount of \$978.06, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 BASF request of October 20, 2022, through O'Reilly Engineering, concerning permission to construct a temporary heavy haul bridge to transport 25 vessels, levee station 23098+33, at Geismar, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Granier. 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 one item to report. Specifically on the agenda was to approve to allow employee #2725 FICA (Social Security) Tax deductions beginning December 1, 2022 for a period of 3 years, while in the DROP Program, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 17, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said 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. She referenced that the packet was quite full with all of the information she desired to share and she asked that they review said packet for all of the detailed information.

**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 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**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District** – request of September 20, 2022, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Contracting Officer to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, for access and to conduct annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work on the revetments located along the Mississippi River, for the Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers drawings entitled, “Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, Pontchartrain Levee District, Revetment Locations,” file number H-13-46072, sheet identification numbers C-01, C-02 and C-03, dated June 20, 2016. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District** – request of September 27, 2022, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Contracting Officer, New Orleans District to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2023 and ending December 31, 2023, 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 the 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 as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

President Boudreaux addressed members and guests and thanked Kimberly Koehl, Dwight Poirrier and Monica Salins Gorman for all of their attention and efforts on the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension advertisement, as well as, escorting Congressman Graves on various features of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project.

President Boudreaux offered her gratitude for all that Pontchartrain Levee District offers to so many parishes and she wished a happy and safe Thanksgiving to those present and those throughout the District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

President Boudreaux asked to add an item to the agenda under Old Business specific to payment of the Fiscal Year End auditors, Griffin & Furman. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The motion was to approve the invoice from Griffin & Furman, the PLD auditor for the 2021-2022 FYE Audit in the amount of \$8,400.00. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **West Shore Lake Pontchartrain HSDRRS Project**

Approve the Just Compensation for appropriation of Parcels 23-5-R-1, 23-6-R-1, 23-7-R-1, 23-9-R-1, 23-13-R-1, 23-14-R-1, and 23-15 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. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District