

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2022, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 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, October 17, 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 6:01 p.m. Board members present were: Matthew Butler, Leonard C. Irvin, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Aaron Pourciau and Percy Hebert, Jr., and Seneca Boudreaux. Absent were: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. , Claude A. “Trey” Granier, III, and Randy Clouatre, Sr.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director and Jerri Henderson, HR Analyst C, as well as Matthew Arseneaux- PLD Police Captain. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joe Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Monica Salins Gorman was asked for the recognition of guests. Recognition of guests included: Mona Nosari of Civix, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, John Troutman of CPRA, Max Nassar with WSP, Edward Anthony with Quality Engineers, Nickie Monica with River Parishes Construction and Roy Glapion with The Beta Group.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 26, 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, October 11, 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, October 11, 2022.

**Bonfire Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commission Pourciau, Chairman of said committee, who note that there was one item to report from the Bonfire Committee of Tuesday, October 11, 2022, specifically:

The only item on the agenda was to approve the 2022 Bonfire Guidelines and authorize the PLD Board President to sign the Christmas Bonfire Agreements with the Local Governmental Entities, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 11, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Vice President Sheets, and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the 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, October 13, 2022, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve for the solicitation of bids for the construction of the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension project, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 proposal from McKim & Creed dated October 7, 2022 for Professional Service efforts necessary to complete, bid and perform construction and observation services for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$ 948,000.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public comments: None. A motion was then offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to approve said agenda item as presented. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next was to approve Amendment No. 1 (incorrectly referenced in committee as Amendment No. 3) for the proposed additional funding, extension beginning February 1, 2023, and updated rate schedule to the original January 20, 2021 Professional Services Agreement for Right of Way Acquisition and Program Management Services with Civix, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public comments: Commissioner Butler questioned Ms. Nosari concerning the rate schedule. Some discussion was had and Ms. Nosari warranted the rate schedule attached to said amendment. There were no other comments. A motion was then offered by Vice President Sheets, seconded by Commissioner Irvin to approve said agenda item as presented. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$82,628.67 for September 2022, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. A 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 was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$67,519.78 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$22,923.46; Laurel Ridge - \$19,754.07 and WSLP - \$24,842.25) representing the fees from September 1, 2022 through September 30, 2022 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 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 on the agenda was to Approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$4,677.92 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Commissioner Hebert and 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 Fish Bayou in the amount of \$9,841.63 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Vice President Sheets and 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 Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Hwy. 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$51,701.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$4,889.47 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented 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 on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Project -Snagging/Clearing – Phase 1 in the amount of \$11,000.34 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative Bayou Manchac Project – Regional Detention Project – Phase 2 in the amount of \$12,363.67 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. 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 on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$2,280.75 for August and \$2,205.75 for September totaling \$4,486.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., for the Ascension Storm Surge (aka Sorrento Storm Surge) Protection Project in the amount of \$93,632.94 for August and \$385,675.66 for September totaling \$479,308.60 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: Mrs. Gorman noted that these invoices will not be paid until Wayne Theall, CPA, has reviewed same and approved for payment. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented as made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda as to approve the invoice from Civix for September 2022 for computer technical support in the amount of \$871.68 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Cross Bayou Pump Station Pipe Straps in the amount of \$4,355.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction Plan review in the amount of \$1,625.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Metal Canopy Design at the PLD Administrative site in the amount of \$2,741.67 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and 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 Breazeale, Sachse & Wilson, L.L.P., for the Ad Valorem Tax Advice in the amount of \$2,923.00 for July and \$2,211.50 for August, totaling \$5,134.50, as recommended, and so noted in committee on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next 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 right of way/real estate for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, as recommended and so noted in committee and Executive Session on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item was made by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. 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 nothing to report.

## **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 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 (Mona Nosari, Civix)

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT'S REMARKS**

None.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

Under Old Business, Commissioner Butler requested a motion to add an item to the agenda specific to a statement of no objection for submission which was inadvertently omitted when preparing the board agenda but covered under the Finance Committee agenda on October 13, 2022. Public Comments: None. Motion to add an item to the agenda as requested was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Motion to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) for Bunge Chevron request of October 6, 2022, concerning permission for the Destrehan Crush Plant Expansion, which includes two components: a new crush switch plant (landside) which Bunge refers to as Project Hulk and a grain receiving system (marine and landside components) which Bunge refers to as Project Banner, levee station 5633+33 at Destrehan, Louisiana in St. Charles Parish. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was made by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District