

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday, April 17, 2023 pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 14, 2023

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 17, 2023, 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 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III, Randy T. Clouatre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets and Seneca Boudreaux. Mr. Leonard C. Irvin, Sr. passed away on March 24, 2023. Absent: Matthew Butler and Allen St. Pierre, Sr.

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

Guests included: Jane Dufour of Civix, Seneca Toussant of La Terre Engineering, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, John Troutman of CPRA, Henry Picard of BKI, and Dianna Poirrier. (Note: Henry Picard of BKI arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 20, 2023, was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 on Tuesday, April 11, 2023.

**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, April 11, 2023.

**Finance Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 13, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to Approve the amended Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and the East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District for Sorrento Storm/Ascension Storm Surge Project regarding payment/reimbursement of Capital Outlay match by East Ascension Consolidated Gravity Drainage District pending Board Attorney approval and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as so noted and recommended by committee on April 13, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 2 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$356,316.12 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier 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 \$71,940.40 for March 2023, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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 Civix totaling \$47,292.02 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$16,051.29; Laurel Ridge - \$2,426.63; WSLP - \$19,038.60; Hwy. 22 - \$9,775.50) representing the fees from March 1, 2023 through March 31, 2023, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,082.50 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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 Task Order No. 5, LWI Highway 22 Gapping Project, in the amount of \$8,375.40 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda is to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Task Order No. 4, Bayou Manchac Clearing and Snagging, in the amount of \$1,139.96 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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 was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Task Order No. 6, Bayou Manchac Preliminary Engineering, in the amount of \$1,694.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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 is to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$64,324.95 as recommended as so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$786.75 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 \$3,621.71 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 invoice from Civix for the computer technical support for March 2023 in the amount of \$1,006.46 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Central Auction House for the vehicle bids in the amount of \$1,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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 to re-advertise for bids on the purchase of vehicles for Maintenance, Police and Administration Departments as recommended and so noted in committee on April 13, 2023. 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.

**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, April 13, 2023.

## 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 (Henry Picard, III, BKI)
- b) Laurel Ridge Levee Extension and LWI projects, specifically Hwy. 22, Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning Project and Amite River Basin Project (Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed)
- 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/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

None.

## OLD BUSINESS

Next was a motion to add an item to the agenda specific to the DEMCO relocation costs for the Lake Martin Road along the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension project. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Following discussion between Mr. Poirrier and the board members, a motion to authorize the Pontchartrain Levee District to increase the amount previously approved to an amount not to exceed \$25,844.00 to DEMCO for a relocation costs for Lake Martin Road for its electrical source in connection with the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project. 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.

## NEW BUSINESS

Resolution- Leonard C. Irvin, Sr.

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

**WHEREAS**, Leonard C. Irvin, Sr. (LC) began his tenure on July 29, 2009 as the Commissioner representing Illinois Railroad Company and he served until September 16, 2016. On August 14, 2020, he was re-appointed to the Levee District until his untimely death on March 24, 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District benefitted greatly from his 10 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 Leonard C. Irvin, Sr. (LC); 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 Leonard C. Irvin, Sr.

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

YEA: Claude Granier, Percy Hebert, Blaine Sheets, Senecca Boudreaux,  
Aaron Pourciau and Randy Clouatre

NAY: None.

ABSENT: Matthew Butler and Allen St. Pierre, Sr.

The resolution was declared adopted.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District