

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday, June 19, 2023, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

June 15, 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, June 19, 2023, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Vice President Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Board members present were: Blaine Sheets, Wardell Irvin, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III, and Matthew Butler. Absent: Seneca Boudreaux, Aaron Pourciau and Allen St. Pierre, Sr.

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

Monica Salins Gorman was asked to acknowledge the guests. Recognition of guests included: A.J. Domangue of Civix, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Roy Glapion of BETA Group and Seneca Toussant of La Terre Engineers.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 15, 2023, was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There were no objections, there were no public comments and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment Committee held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 13, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Diamond Green Diesel, LLC Foreign Trade Subzone 124A Agreement and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve to renew/extend the West Shore Professional Services Contract between the Pontchartrain Levee District and Civix (Amendment No. 3) subject to PLD Legal Counsel's final recommendation and submission, review and approval of said rates by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023 and to authorize PLD Board President to sign said contract. 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 to renew for one (1) year the Standard Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior U. S. Geological Survey Section in the amount of \$10,100.00 and authorize PLD Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion

to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 Louisiana Legislative Auditor awarding the audit contract to Griffin & Furman for the next three (3) fiscal years ending June 2023, June 2024 and June 2025 and approving the pricing for renewal in the amount of \$9,350.00 per year and to authorize the PLD Board President to execute said contract as recommended and so noted by committee on June 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 4 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$50,373.75 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$53,342.00 for May 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 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 invoices from Civix totaling \$27,143.08 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$13,368.50; Laurel Ridge - \$3,323.45; WSLP - \$5,137.82 and Hwy. 22 - \$5,313.31) representing the fees from May 1, 2023 through May 31, 2023 as recommended by committee and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,112.17 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Louisiana Watershed Initiative- Hwy.22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$40,127.43 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 Louisiana Watershed Initiative - Bayou Manchac Proposed Engineering Pre- Applications Task Order No. 7 in the amount of \$5,422.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project Supplemental No. 11 in the amount to \$20,863.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier 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 McKim & Creed for Alligator/Frog Bayou in the amount to \$5,474.63 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$1,701.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Project in the amount of \$756.26 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Metal Canopy Design for PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$1,827.78 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 National Waterways Conference for 2023-2024 Membership Dues in the amount of \$1,525.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 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 to renew the official journal with Ruhr Valley Publishing Co. for one (1) year in the amount of \$600.00 a month as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. 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 final item from the committee agenda was to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) from West Lake Chemical request dated May 23, 2023 through Mammoet, concerning

permission to transport two (2) components across the left descending bank of the Mississippi River Levee in the vicinity of the second order levee station 2238+34 in Geismar, Louisiana, Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on Tuesday, June 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 should feel free to 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 (A.J. Domangue, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District – request of December 29, 2022, revised April 25, 2023, and last revised June 6, 2023 from Patrick White, Chief, Acquisition and Planning, Vicksburg District to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of 24 months, to conduct surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resource investigations, hazardous, toxic, and

radiological wastes (HTRW) assessments and general planning investigations in connection with Mississippi River and Tributaries, Pontchartrain Levee District, Ben Hur Road and Carville Levee Lifts, East Baton Rouge and Iberville Parishes, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD), Ben Hur Road, Carville Levee Lifts, Right of Entry for Surveys, East Baton Rouge, Iberville Parishes”, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01 through R-09, dated May 2023. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The only matter under New Business was to approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 2024. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:39 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Blaine Sheets, Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District