

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, May 15, 2023 pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

May 12, 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, May 15, 2023, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, 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., Wardell Irvin, Aaron Pourciau, Randy T. Clouatre, Sr., Blaine J. Sheets, Senecca Boudreaux and Matthew Butler. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III.

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: A.J. Domangue of Civix, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, John Troutman of CPRA, Henry Picard of BKI, Lance LaPlace of QES, Roy Glapion of BETA Group and Dianna Poirrier.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of April 17, 2023, 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

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were a couple of items to report on:

First item on the agenda was to approve the bid from Cazenave Motor Co. Inc. for two (2) Ford F-150 Pickup trucks for the PLD Police Department in the amount of \$101,700.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the bid from Cazenave Motor Co. Inc for one (1) Ford F-150 Pickup truck for the PLD Maintenance Department in the amount of \$50,850.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The final item under this committee was to approve the bid from Cazenave Motor Co., Inc for one (1) Ford Expedition for the PLD Administration Department in the amount of \$70,125.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on Tuesday, May 9, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Vice President Sheets, Chair of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee on Tuesday, May 9, 2023.

Finance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, May 11, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was discussion and/or approval on the additional modeling proposals from Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., for the Ascension Storm Surge Project contingent upon agreement with Parish of Ascension and approval from Facility Planning and Control (Capital

Outlay) as recommended by committee on May 11, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 3 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$6,797.25 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$30,718.48 for April 2023, as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 \$33,472.92 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$19,470.39; Laurel Ridge - \$97.50; WSLP - \$8,572.53; Hwy. 22 - \$5,332.50) representing the fees from April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023, as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 \$4,975.05 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. 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.

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 \$7,046.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Task Order No. 7, Bayou Manchac Preliminary Pre-Applications, in the amount of \$3,737.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 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 is to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$24,607.68 as recommended as so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$2,827.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 Ascension Storm Surge Project in the amount of \$67,717.86 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Plaquemine Point Seepage Control in the amount of \$7,280.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 to the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the St. Rose Levee Enlargement in the amount of \$4,750.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 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 Central Auction House in the amount of \$1,250.00 for the vehicle bids as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 expenses for the State of the Coast Conference in New Orleans, LA held on May 31-June 2, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 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 Statement of No Objection (408) from Cooper Consolidated- request of April 20, 2023, through Lanier & Associates, concerning permission to install an additional levee access ramp between River Road and the levee crown at Cooper's existing facility on the Mississippi River near mile point 133. The proposed access ramp will tie into an existing levee ramp to allow vehicular access to and from the north on the River Road as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 were a couple of items to report:

Under the Personnel agenda the first item was to approve to renew the janitorial contract with D Got This Cleaning for one (1) year beginning June 1, 2023 through May 31, 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve to move the Thursday, June 15, 2023 committee meetings to Tuesday, June 13, 2023 due to the Juneteenth Holiday on Friday June 16th as recommended and so noted in committee on May 11, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the 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.

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 and the Bayou Manchac Regional Conceptual Planning 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 (A.J. Domangue, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District – request of November 15, 2022, revised April 13, 2023, and last revised April 27, 2023 from Patrick White, Chief, Acquisition and Planning, Vicksburg District to Ms. Seneca 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, Mississippi River Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Welham Plantation Levee Lift, B/L Sta. 3789+00 to B/L Sta. 3804+00, St. James Parish, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries, Pontchartrain Levee District, Welham Plantation Levee Lift, Right of Entry for Surveys”, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01, R-02, R-03, and R-04, dated April 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 the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux welcomed Commissioner Wardell Irvin to the board of commissioners.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Public Comments

Adopt the millage rate(s):

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Hebert:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage(s) are hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by Pontchartrain Levee District

MILLAGE

Pontchartrain Levee District General Fund 3.53 Mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth, upon the assessment roll of said Parishes for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

Public Comments

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Matthew Butler, Randy Clouatre, Percy Hebert, Wardell Irvin and Wardell Irvin

NAYS: None.

ABSTAINED: None.

ABSENT: Allen St. Pierre, Claude Granier

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Hebert, seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:37 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District