

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, July 24, 2023, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

July 21, 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, July 24, 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: Seneca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Wardell Irvin, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau 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. 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: Jane Dufour of Civix, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Seneca Toussant of La Terre Engineers, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, John Troutman of CPRA, and Rebecca Howell of WSP.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of June 19, 2023, was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 held on Tuesday, July 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 held on Tuesday, July 11, 2023.

**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, July 13, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the supplement to Task Order No. 5 with McKim & Creed for floodplain survey services associated with the LA 22 Gapping Project for an additional \$133,455.00, added to the current line item of \$125,000.00, thus totaling \$258,455.00, which will be performed by Chustz Surveying as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the supplement to Task Order No. 5 with McKim & Creed for geotechnical services associated with the LA 22 Gapping Project for an additional \$624,100.00, added to the current line item budget amount of \$100,000.00, thus totaling \$724,100.00, which will be performed by Eustis Engineering as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve to complete and adopt the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire for Audit Engagement of Governmental Entities for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023 as request by the Legislative Auditor through Griffin & Furman and to authorize Board President to sign said questionnaire as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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 recommendation for Application of Payment No. 5 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$524,885.28 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. 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 on the agenda was to approve the renewal of the HVAC Service Contract with

Watson Mechanical Services, Inc. for an additional one (1) year and authorize Board President to sign said contract as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$64,046.49 for June 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$36,091.79 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$23,754.81; Laurel Ridge - \$168.50; WSLP - \$6,988.48 and Hwy. 22 - \$5,180.00) representing the fees from June 1, 2023 through June 30, 2023 as recommended by committee and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,560.86 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 \$1,227.75 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 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 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 \$1,190.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Griffin & Furman for the fiscal year June 30, 2023 audit paying a 40% deposit in the amount of \$3,740.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 2023. 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 was to approve the invoice from Civix for computer technical support for June 2023 in the amount of \$732.44 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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 invoices from Methods for the Annual Software Fees for Payroll, Progress, Direct Deposit, LogMeIn, Budgetary, Sonic Wall, DUO and the Annual Hardware Maintenance in the amount of \$14,499.00 for the Fiscal Year July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Fall Legislative Meetings in Washington, DC held on September 17-20, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 13, 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 final item on the agenda was to approve the Statement of No Objection (408) for River Parish Sequestration LLC request of July 6, 2023, through Project Consulting Services, concerning permission to transport CO2 via pipeline from the industrial area located on the east side of the Mississippi River in Geismar, Louisiana to three injection wells located west of the Mississippi River in Ascension and Assumption Parishes. The 24-inch-diameter pipeline project is proposed to be installed beneath the Mississippi River East Bank System near levee station 2335+16 as recommended and so noted in committee on July 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.

**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 (Jane Dufour, Civix)

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

**Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District** – request of December 29, 2022, revised April 25, 2023, revised June 6, 2023 and last revised June 27, 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 radioactive wastes (HTRW) assessments and general planning investigations in connection with Mississippi River and Tributaries, Mississippi River Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Marchand Levee Lift, Ascension Parish, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD), Ben Hur Road, Carville, Marchand Levee Lifts, Right of Entry for Surveys, East Baton Rouge, Iberville and Ascension Parishes”, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01, R-02, R-03 and R-10 through R-13, dated May 2023. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 August 28, 2018, revised December 10, 2018, revised February 26, 2019, revised April 17, 2019, revised June 21, 2021, to Mr. Ricky Bosco, President, Pontchartrain Levee District, and last revised July 10, 2023 to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President, Pontchartrain Levee District from Todd M. Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch for a second extension of a right-of-entry for a period of 12 months to finish the construction modifications and to establish turf on the levee in connection with the Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Upper Pontchartrain, Item M-225-L, B/L Sta. 160+00 to B/L Sta. 181+00, Seepage Control Project, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River Levees, East Bank Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Upper Pontchartrain LD – Seepage Control, Item M-227-L, B/L Sta. 160+00 to B/L Sta. 181+00, Right-of-Way, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana,” Map File Number H-8-48193, Sheets R-01 through R-05, dated September 10, 2018, last revised April 8, 2019. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. 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 August 22, 2022, and revised December 5, 2022, April 7, 2023, June 29, 2023, and revised July 10, 2023, from Todd M. Klock and Suleika A. Wise, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division, to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President, Pontchartrain Levee District, for a right of entry for a period of 24 months or until completion of work, whichever comes first, to construct the Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD), St. Rose Levee Enlargement Project, Baseline Station (B/L Sta.) 5814+50 to B/L Sta. 5908+91, (Non-Continuous), St. Charles Parish, Louisiana shown on the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries, Pontchartrain Levee District, St. Rose Levee Enlargement, B/L Sta. 5814+50 To B/L Sta. 5908+91 (Non-Continuous), St. Charles Parish, Right of Way,” File Number H-8-48505, Sheet Identification R-01 through R-06, dated July, 2023. Additional approval is granted to issue Authorization for Entry for Construction to the Temporary No Work Areas – Access Only subject to PLD Legal Counsel’s approval once the required relocation of utilities and facilities has sufficiently advanced within the Temporary No Work Areas – Access Only. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## **PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

President Boudreaux updated members on the recent passing of former President of Lafourche Basin Levee District Michael McKinney. Madame President passed along her sympathies and that of the entire Board of Commissioners to this family.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, a motion to add five (5) items to the agenda specific to invoices to pay for PLD HQ AC, PLD's annual pro rata Louisiana State Civil Service Fee, annual USGS fee, LWI invoice for Hwy. 22, and LRLE invoice was moved by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Vice President Sheets . Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

A motion to:

- Approve the payment to Watson Mechanical in the amount of \$ 8,185.00 (Labor- \$2,200; Materials- \$645 and Trane- \$5,340) for the PLD Headquarters Air Conditioning System;
- Approve the PLD Fiscal Year 2023-2024 invoice for the Louisiana State Civil Service Fee in the amount of \$14,190.00 (as per LA R.S. 42:1383 and 42:1262, each agency is required to pay a pro-rata share of the cost of operations of Louisiana State Civil Service. This amount reflects the amount payable by PLD for the FY 2023-2024. Amount due is based on a percentage of total annual salaries of the classified employees within PLD's organization as of December 31, 2023);
- Approve the invoice for the annual USGS hardened gage fee in the amount of \$10,940.00 (6-1-2022 through 6-30-2023);
- Approve the McKim & Creed invoices for the LWI- Hwy. 22 project for June 2023 in the amount of \$ 82,740.80;
- Approve the McKim & Creed invoice for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension for June 2023 in the amount of \$ 28,556.90 all said motions moved by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Butler. Public Comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

## ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Pourciau, seconded by Commissioner Butler to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District