

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071 on Monday, August 21, 2023, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

August 18, 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, August 21, 2023, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, LA 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Vice President Sheets called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. Board members present were: Blaine Sheets, Wardell Irvin, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III and Matthew Butler. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Senecca Boudreaux.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director, Kelly Poche- Administrative Assistant 6, Kenny Steib, Sr.- Levee Board Operations Superintendent and Captain Matthew Arseneaux- PLD Police Department. 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, John Troutman of CPRA, Roy Glapion of The Beta Group, and Nickie Monica and Raoul Chauvin of Infinity Engineering.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of July 24, 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: Vice President Sheets noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, August 17, 2023.

Equipment Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was one item to discuss:

The only item under this committee was to approve the bid from Cazenave Motor Company for the Ford F-350 truck with flip top service body after final review by board counsel in the amount of \$73,400.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on Thursday, August 17, 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.

Finance Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Butler, Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 17, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to evaluate the building canopy construction request including any alternatives available to authorize advertisement for bidding and adjustment to budget to reflect engineer/architect estimate by Linfield Hunter & Junius as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 recommendation for Application of Payment No. 6 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$784,067.47 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$54,334.98 for July 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$54,236.80 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$18,448.36; WSLP - \$14,430.44 and LA 22 - \$21,358.00) representing the fees from July 1, 2023 through July 31, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$5,475.75 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. 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 the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$48,896.92 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 is to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$24,948.96 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$1,308.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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 the invoice from the St. James Parish Sheriff's Office for the August legal fees in the amount of \$92.41 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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 Central Auction House invoice for the vehicle advertisement in the amount of \$750.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the invoice on the metal canopy in the amount of \$609.26 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin 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 Griffin & Furman for the non-attest services for the calculation of pension and other post-employment benefits related to accounts and adjustments for the year ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$1,500.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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 Statement of No Objection (408) for PCS Nitrogen request of July 13, 2023, through Mammoet, concerning permission to transport up to 56 components across the left descending bank of the Mississippi River Levee in the vicinity of the second order levee station 2131+69 in Geismar, Louisiana for the Geismar Nitrogen Expansion as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Granier. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

The final item on this committee agenda was to approve to move the September board meeting from Monday, September 18, 2023 to Monday, September 25, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Sheets called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was one item to discuss from the Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, August 17, 2023:

The only item for consideration under this committee was to approve the 4% increase for the Executive Director and the Executive Assistant to the Board effective August 1, 2023, as recommended and so noted in committee on August 17, 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 said 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 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, New Orleans District – request of November 7, 2022, February 24, 2023, and August 14, 2023, from Margie Sexton and Todd M. Klock, 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), Plaquemine Point Seepage Area, Reach 5, Baseline Station (B/L Sta.) 1235+92 to B/L Sta. 1276+77, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, shown on the Corps of Engineers

maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T), Pontchartrain Levee District (PLD), Plaquemine Point Seepage Area, Reach 5, Iberville Parish, Louisiana, Right-of-Entry,” File Number H-8-48528, Sheet Identification R-01 through R-05, dated August, 2023. Public Comments: None. A motion was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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

Commissioner Butler inquired as to any developments on the Cross Bayou Pump Station and asked for an update next month.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Blaine Sheets, Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District