

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday, October 16, 2023, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 13, 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, October 16, 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 6:04 p.m. Board members present were: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Wardell Irvin, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, and Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Matthew Butler.

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: Mona Nosari of Civix, Henry Picard, III of BKI, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, and John Troutman of CPRA.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 25, 2023, was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion was carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023.

Bonfire Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was one item to report on from the Bonfire Committee held on Tuesday, October 10, 2023, namely, to approve the 2023 Bonfire Guidelines and authorize the Pontchartrain Levee District Board President to sign the Christmas Bonfire Program Agreements with Local Governmental Entities as recommended and so noted in committee on Tuesday, October 10, 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 the motion carried unanimously.

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, October 12, 2023, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Amendment 4 to the Civix Professional Services Agreement Right of Way Acquisition and Program Management Services West Shore Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project for additional funding in the amount \$1,000,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 letter bids for under \$250,000.00 for the metal canopy at PLD Headquarters as recommended as so noted in committee on October 12, 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 recommendation for Application of Payment No. 8 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,346,089.96 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$88,108.13 for September 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 invoices from Civix totaling \$43,613.11 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$9,203.37; WSLP - \$6,770.00 and LA 22 - \$27,639.74) representing the fees from September 1, 2023 through September 30, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,233.84 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 is to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$28,257.35 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 \$34,353.39 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Clearing and Snagging Task Order No. 4 in the amount of \$1,139.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 the Bayou Manchac Preliminary Engineering Task Order No. 6 in the amount of \$462.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on September 14, 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.

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 \$3,278.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$1,909.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on September 14, 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 invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$59,058.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 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 final item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Griffin & Furman, LLC for the fiscal year audit ending June 30, 2023 in the amount of \$5,610.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 12, 2023. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on Thursday, October 12, 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 (Mona Nosari, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of September 12, 2023, from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Contracting Officer, New Orleans District to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2024 and ending December 31, 2024, for access and vehicle parking in connection with annual maintenance dredging at various deep and shallow draft crossings located in East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as shown on the drawings entitled, “Red Eye Crossing ROE, Sardine Point Crossing ROE, Medora Crossing ROE, Granada Crossing ROE, Bayou Goula Crossing ROE, Alhambra Crossing ROE, Philadelphia/81 Mile Point Crossing ROE, Smoke Bend Crossing ROE, Rich Bend/Belmont Crossing ROE and Fairview Crossing ROE,” dated November, 2009. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

Department of the Army, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Authorization for Entry (AFE) pursuant to request of July 12, 2023, for right of entry to perform soil borings for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. James Ring Levees, within La DOTD ROW in St. James Parish, as shown on maps entitled “West Shore Lake Pontchartrain, Louisiana, Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. James Parish Ring Levees, Right of Entry for Borings, St. James Parish, LA”, no Map File Number, Sheet Identification Numbers R-01 through R-05, dated July 2023 for a period up to one year, in accordance with the Project Permit issued by State of Louisiana, Department of Transportation and Development on September 29, 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.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

None.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Granier, seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion was carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District