

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, LA 70071 on Monday, January 22, 2024, pursuant to notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 19, 2024

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, January 22, 2024, 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 6:00 p.m. Board members present were Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Wardell Irvin, Claude A. “Trey” Granier, III, Randy Cloutre, Sr., and Aaron Pourciau. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr., Matthew Butler, and Percy Hebert, Jr..

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, John Troutman of CPRA.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 18, 2023, was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. 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, January 9, 2024.

**Equipment Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Vice President Sheets who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

**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, January 11, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for payment No. 11 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$535,667.00 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project and authorize PLD Board President to sign said recommendation for payment as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between PLD and Bonnet Carre Rod & Gun Club for an additional one (1) year due to the interruption of the Hunting, Trapping and Fishing lease by CPRA LaBranche Shoreline Project PO-0194 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 extension of the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Pontchartrain Levee District and Beau Jones for an additional one (1) year due to the interruption of the Hunting, Trapping and Fishing lease by CPRA LaBranche Shoreline Project PO-0194 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the change order No. 001 for The Lemoine Group LLC to add contract days for Alternates No. 1 and Alternates No. 2 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. (Note: This is a non-monetary change order. Alternates No. 1 and No. 2 were accepted but time was never added to the contract) 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 moving the Tuesday, February 13, 2024 committee meetings to Thursday, February 15, 2024 due to the Mardi Gras holiday as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$47,112.30 for December 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$42,294.83 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$12,343.36; Laurel Ridge - \$292.50; WSLP - \$25,133.47 and LA 22 - \$4,525.50) representing the fees from December 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project in the amount of \$3,089.67 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier for LA 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$3,712.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$20,515.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension in the amount of \$28,387.02 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 Bluff Swamp Control Structure (Alligator Bayou/Fish Bayou) in the amount of \$834.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. (Note: This is the final bill and said project has been closed out). 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 McKim & Creed for Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$2,700.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$49,472.82 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for the 2024 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$2,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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 expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Legislative meetings in Washington, DC on March 10-13, 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

Last agenda item was to approve to proceed forward with the litigation plan as discussed in Executive Session regarding Pontchartrain Levee District Versus Malcolm Dugas, et al, No. 134821, 23<sup>rd</sup> Judicial District Court, Parish of Ascension, as recommended and so noted in committee on January 11, 2024. 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.

**Personnel Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Granier, Chairman of said committee who reported that there were no items to report on from the committee held on January 11, 2024.

### **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**

None.

### **PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dwight Poirrier addressed members and referenced an Authorization for Entry approval by the Board of Commissioners for PLD from October of 2023, specifically, a right of entry to perform soil borings for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain project, St. James Ring Levees, within LA DOTD ROW in St. James Parish. Mr. Poirrier requested an item be added to the agenda to add two (2) additional soil borings to said request as per USACE request at the PDT earlier in the day (a formal written request is forthcoming).

At that time, a motion to add an item to the agenda was made by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There were no public comments. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the two (2) additional soil borings, amendment to the Authorization for Entry referencing said changes, and authorizing PLD President Boudreaux to execute said amendment was offered by Commissioner Irvin, seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. Public comments: None. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and said motion carried unanimously.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:35 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District