

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday, April 15, 2024, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 12, 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 on Monday, April 15, 2024 at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana 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: Matthew Butler, Blaine Sheets, Aaron Pourciau, Wardell Irvin, and Seneca Boudreaux. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Randy T. Clouatre, 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 Lt. Joseph Canatella- 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: Roy Glapion of The Beta Group, A. J. Domangue of Civix, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Henry Picard of BKI and Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of March 18, 2024, was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. 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 Thursday, April 11, 2024.

**Equipment Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, April 11, 2024.

**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, April 11, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 14 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$960,574.93 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project and to authorize PLD Board President to sign said application as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 proposal from Watson Mechanical Services, Inc., to remove and replace leaking evaporator coil in the existing HVAC System at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$19,264.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the approval of KV Materials as an “approved borrow source” for the United States Army Corps of Engineers MRL Disaster Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (DRSAA) Projects in response to PLD RFQ #2024-001 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Phase 1 Fee Adjustment Request form Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc. for Preliminary and Final Plans based on increased project cost in accordance with the State of Louisiana, Facility Planning and Control Fee Curve as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the resolution required by Statewide Flood Control Program for the Pre-Application for assistance in the implementation of the Perkins Road bridge replacement as part of a component of the Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction project as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the utility servitude for the French Settlement Gas, LLC for the relocation of natural gas line into the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension right of way and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 utility servitude for the Ascension Water Company for the relocation of water line into the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension right of way and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$30,340.87 for March 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$52,444.75 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$7,500.11; WSLP - \$28,890.30; Hwy. 22 - \$16,054.34) representing the fees from March 1, 2024 through March 31, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$4,112.30 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$855.00 for the LA 22 Gapping Project as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$240,361.90 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$24,013.46 as recommended as so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$76,429.11 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as

presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$14,082.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$104,491.79 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for the computer technical support for March 2024 in the amount of \$795.19 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Metal Canopy at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$1,523.15 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Vice President Sheets. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Central Auction House, Ltd. for the advertisement of the Request for Qualifications in the amount of \$250.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 11, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-chair of said committee who reported that there was only one item on the agenda, specifically, to approve the renewal of the contracts for Monica Salins Gorman, Joseph Sevario, Dwight Poirrier, Wayne Theall and Lionel Bell, each contract to be effective May 1, 2024 and terminating on July 31, 2028 under the terms and conditions as presented, discussed and recommended in committee on April 11, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Vice President Sheets. 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 updated members on a few matters and offered her assistance if any of the board members had any questions to 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 (AJ Domangue, Civix)

### **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

President Boudreaux commended Director Monica Gorman and Legal Counsel, Dwight Poirrier for their efforts and attendance at the ARBC April Board Meeting and the presentation given on the Pontchartrain Levee District. It was a presentation of fact and excellence and something that exemplifies all of the successes of the District.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

None.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:34 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District