

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lusher, Louisiana on Monday, March 18, 2024, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 15, 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 immediately following a Notice of Public Hearing Meeting for the Pontchartrain Levee District Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget on Monday, March 18, 2024 at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lusher, 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, Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, Wardell Irvin, Randy T. Clouatre, Sr. and Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr., Blaine Sheets 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 Joseph Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Guests included: Henry Picard, of BKI, Jane Dufour of Civix, Kimberely Koehl of McKim & Creed, Dale Holley of ELOS, Hamid Alizadeh of APTIM, John Troutman of CPRA and Senecca Toussant of La Terre Engineering.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 19, 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 Commissioner Hebert Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, March 14, 2024.

**Equipment Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert who noted that there were a couple of items to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the repair of tractor 51 in the amount of \$5,515.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 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 repairs to tractors 44 and 45 in an amount not to exceed \$50,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

**Finance Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, March 14, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 13 invoice from The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,574,784.75 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the proposal from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Task Order No. 9 to increase the engineering oversight budget for the WSLP PDT and PMP by \$50,000.00 increasing the NTE cap from \$350,000.00 to \$400,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$49,500.99 for February 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$44,901.88 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$8,226.00; WSLP - \$32,109.88; Hwy. 22 - \$4,566.00) representing the fees from February 1, 2024 through February 29, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 \$4,543.32 for the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$472.50 for the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Butler. 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 the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$20,515.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$25,376.43 as recommended as so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$14,039.63 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bulter 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$17,147.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$95,418.54 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre and seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for the computer technical support for February 2024 in the amount of \$1,329.99 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association for the 2024 Annual Membership Dues in the amount of \$5,150.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the expenses for the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual workshop to be held on May 1-3, 2024 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler 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 Statement of No objection from Viking River Cruises – request of February 12, 2024 through Hargrove Engineering, concerning permission to dock river cruise vessels consisting of mooring structures, a gangway on the batture, and a ramp and pedestrian bridge over the levee, vicinity of levee station 2946+76, at Geismar, Louisiana in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on March 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 Statement of No Objection from Bunge – request of February 26, 2024 through Murray Architects concerning permission to construct a crosswalk for Bunge employees, in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Co-chair of said committee who reported that there were no items to report on from the committee held on Thursday, March 14, 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 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 (Jane Dufour, Civix)

### **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

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

None.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

None.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau:

**WHEREAS**, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has requested all state governing boards, agencies political subdivisions to adopt a budget for each fiscal year, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in order to be in compliance with Acts 1985, No. 785, effective July 22, 1985 (LA R.S. 38:318) and to honor the request and intent of the Legislature, and;

**WHEREAS**, the major mission of said district is to maintain the east bank Mississippi River levee system as defined in LA R.S. 38:291 (L), to insure the levee integrity and capability, to safely understand river stages and hurricane tidal surges, and;

**WHEREAS**, said District's additional purpose is to construct or support construction by others of new or enhanced levels of protection, to anticipate weaknesses in the levee system in order to avoid flooding caused by high river stages or hurricane tidal surges, and;

**WHEREAS**, careful consideration has been given to the assets and liabilities of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and;

**WHEREAS**, considering taxing revenues and other income and reviewing the anticipated expenditures of said District,

**NOW, THEREFORE**, with the recommendations of the Administrative Staff of the Pontchartrain Levee District, the following budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025 be adopted:

**SEE ADDENDUM "A"**

Anyone having any objection to the foregoing budget should contact the Levee Board Office in Lusher, Louisiana and a public hearing will be scheduled.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Percy Hebert, Jr., Wardell Irvin, Matthew Butler, Aaron Pourciau and Randy Clouatre, Sr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Blaine Sheets, Claude "Trey" Granier, III, Allen St. Pierre, Sr.

The resolution to adopt the budget carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President