

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday, June 17, 2024, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

June 14, 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, June 17, 2024 at Pontchartrain Levee District Maintenance Shop, 9620 LA 44, Convent, LA 70723.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

President Boudreaux called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Board members present were: Blaine Sheets, Matthew Butler, Percy Hebert, Jr., Randy T. Cloutre, Sr., Wardell Irvin and Senecca Boudreaux. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr., Aaron Pourciau 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: A.J. Domangue of Civix, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Henry Picard of Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., John Chumba of ICG, Kevin Beyer of Intracoastal, Rick Webre of St. James Parish, John Troutman of CPRA and Nickie Monica of Infinity.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of May 20, 2024, was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Cloutre. 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 only one (1) item to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, June 11, 2024, namely:

The only item under this committee was the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and the St. James Parish Sheriff's Office for dispatch services beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028 and to authorize PLD Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 11, 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.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment Committee held on Tuesday, June 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, June 13, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 16 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,453,977.17 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 June 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve to renew for one (1) year the Standard Joint Funding Agreement with the United States Department of the Interior in the amount of \$10,600.00 for the hardened gage at Pass Manchac and authorize PLD Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 to renew for one (1) year the official journal with The New Examiner through Ruhr Valley Publishing, Inc. in the amount of \$650.00 per month as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 Assignment of Contract by the Department of Public Safety, Louisiana State Police to the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for the Intergovernmental Right of Way Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and Department of Public Safety, Office of State Police regarding the West Shore Protection Levee, Access Road G- LaPlace Weigh Station Agreement and authorize PLD Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 11, 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 Intergovernmental Agreement between the Parish of St. James and Pontchartrain Levee District for funding for the St. James West Shore Risk Reduction Connector levee and authorize PLD Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on June 11, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$40,324.62 for May 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 invoices from Civix totaling \$54,215.82 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$14,175.94; WSLP - \$40,039.88;) representing the fees from May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$5,585.53 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 \$3,591.44 for the LA 22 Gapping Project as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$193,045.60 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$23,034.54 as recommended as so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$10,581.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 \$5,854.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$55,251.20 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for the May 2024 computer technical support in the amount of \$640.66 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Metal Canopy at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$609.60 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Amite River Basin Commission Master Plan in the amount of \$6,112.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 the Methods for the new accounting server at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$6,835.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 Statement of No Objection for Shell Chemical – request of May 22, 2024, through CK Associates, concerning permission to relocate a proposed heavy haul road, modify the existing dock, install a new box culvert on the Mississippi River Levee for additional pipeline crossing, and to install a retention pond at the Geismar facility as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 Statement of No Objection for Geismar Connect – request of May 31, 2024, through T. Baker Smith, concerning permission to construct a new Benzene Lateral from the existing PT6 pipeline to the LBC Tank Terminal in Iberville Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Sheets and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve to transfer \$14.2 Million of the PLD Surplus Fund Balance to the PLD Committed Fund Balance, Account No. 2513 to provide for the various projects throughout the six (6) East Bank parish area of the Pontchartrain Levee District as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 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 PLD’s legal counsel’s recommendation specific to said litigation in reference to “Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District v. Malcolm J. Dugas, Jr., et al, Docket No. 134841, Division “E” 23rd Judicial District Court, Parish of Ascension, State of Louisiana” as recommended and so noted in committee on June 13, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chairman of said committee who reported that there was nothing to report.

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 and 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, LWI project 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

Next on the agenda was the Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of February 12, 2024 from Todd Klock, Chief, Acquisition Branch, Real Estate Division, New Orleans District to Ms. Senecca Boudreaux, President of the Pontchartrain Levee District for a right-of-entry for a period of 24 months, to conduct surveys, soil borings, environmental and cultural resource investigations, hazardous, toxic, and radiological wastes (HTRW) assessments in connection with Mississippi River Levee (MRL), Pontchartrain Levee District, Levee Crown Repair between B/L Sta. 3901+00 to B/L Sta. 3914+00, St. James Parish, Louisiana as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “Mississippi River and Tributaries (MR&T) Mississippi River Levee, Pontchartrain Levee District, Levee Crown Repair, B/L Sta. 3901+00 to B/L Sta. 3914+00, Right-of-Way for Surveys, St. James Parish, Louisiana,” Sheet Identification Numbers R-01, R-02, and R-03, dated January 2024. Issuance of this Right of Entry is contingent upon receipt of the USACE concurrence response to the DOTD Project Permit provisions and restrictions. 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.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Madame President Boudreaux thanked Mr. Kenny Steib, Sr., for hosting the board meeting at the PLD Maintenance Shop.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The next item was to approve the Regular Board Meeting Schedule for Fiscal Year ending June 30, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Hebert to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District