

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

November 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 on Monday, November 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: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Claude A. “Trey” Granier, III, Randy T. Cloutre, Sr., Wardell Irvin, Percy Hebert, Jr. and Aaron Pourciau. 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: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joe Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Guests included: Jane Dufour of Civix, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Henry Picard and Mike Chopin of Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., John Troutman of CPRA, Sam Scholle and Michael Palamone of St. Charles Parish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of October 21, 2024 was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 Thursday, November 14, 2024.

**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 Thursday, November 14, 2024.

**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, November 14, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 21 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,082,040.81 for the Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project and to authorize the PLD Board President to sign said application as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and St. Charles Parish pending the final changes recommended by Board Attorney and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended by committee on November 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Herbert 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 increase the cap of the current Burk-Kleinpeter West Shore Task Order No. 9 from \$400,000.00 to \$450,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the Pontchartrain Levee District advancing the funds of the WSLP Enhancement project in the amount of \$1.3M pending reimbursement from State of Louisiana Facility Planning and Control and Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on November 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the updated Pontchartrain Levee District Purchasing Policy as presented and as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier 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 \$92,080.99 for October 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 invoices from Civix totaling \$69,316.03 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$16,186.27; WSLP - \$53,062.26 and Laurel Ridge - \$67.50) representing the fees from October 1, 2024 through October 31, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$2,434.86 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. 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 \$21,520.75 as recommended as so noted in committee on November 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$64,115.80 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 invoice from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$1,175.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 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 \$265,954.09 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 St. James Parish Assessor's Office for the 2024 prorated share for auditing services of Industrial Plants in the amount of \$588.77 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 invoice from Civix for the October 2024 computer technical support in the amount of \$870.66 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 2024. 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the administrative oversight of the metal canopy at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$1,523.15 as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the request for a statement of no objection for the Parkview Landing Company request of October 18, 2024, through Lanier & Associates, concerning permission to install a ship dock, an elevated approach way from the dock to the levee crown, and a stand levee access ramp down to River Road in St. James Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on November 14, 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 request for a statement of no objection (408) for the Pipeline Technology request of November 12, 2024, through T. Baker Smith, concerning permission to install a nitric acid pipeline via horizontal directional drill (HDD) beneath the Mississippi River and the left and right descending Mississippi River Levees, vicinity of levee station 2800+75, at Darrow, Louisiana, in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on November 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.

**Personnel Committee:** President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Hebert, Chair of said committee who noted that there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee held on Thursday, November 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 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 (Jane Dufour, Civix)

## RIGHTS OF ENTRY

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of October 22, 2024, from Todd Klock, Chief, 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 one (1) year, beginning January 1, 2025 and ending December 31, 2025, 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 maps entitled, “Figure 6.8. Approximate location of eight deep draft crossings between river miles 228 and 170,” “Figure 6.9. Red Eye, Sardine Point, and Medora crossing,” “Figure 6.10. Red Eye landing area,” “Figure 6.11. Sardine Point landing area,” “Figure 6.12. Medora landing area,” “Figure 6.13. Granada, Bayou Goula, and Alhambra crossings,” “Figure 6.14. Granada landing area,” “Figure 6.15. Bayou Goula landing area,” “Figure 6.16. Alhambra landing areas,” “Figure 6.17. Philadelphia and Smoke Bend crossings,” “Figure 6.18. Philadelphia landing area,” “Figure 6.19. Smoke Bend landing area,” “Figure 6.20. Approximate location of deep draft crossings near Convent, LA,” “Figure 6.21. Rich Bend and Belmont crossings,” “Figure 6.22. Belmont landing area used for both crossings,” “Figure 6.23. Approximate location of Fairview crossing,” “Figure 6.24. Fairview crossing,” and “Figure 6.25. Fairview landing area.” Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other

discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

**PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS**

President Boudreaux thanked Mrs. Gorman for relaying the appreciation by a local St. Charles Parish resident and asked that the PLD Maintenance Shop be advised. She also offered continued prayers for those within our PLD family at the PLD Maintenance Shop.

**OLD BUSINESS**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT**

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Granier and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:29 p.m.

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Monica Salins Gorman,  
Executive Director

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Senecca Boudreaux, President