

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday, October 21, 2024, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

October 18, 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, October 21, 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: Senecca Boudreaux, Blaine Sheets, Matthew Butler, Randy T. Clouatre, Sr., Wardell Irvin, Percy Hebert, Jr. and Aaron Pourciau. Absent: Allen St. Pierre, Sr. and Claude A. "Trey" Granier, III.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director and Kelly Poche- Admin. 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 of Burk Kleinpeter, Inc., John Troutman of CPRA, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish DPW.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of September 16, 2024 was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

A motion to approve the minutes of the special board meeting of October 10, 2024 was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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, October 17, 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, October 17, 2024.

Bonfire Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Chairman of said committee, who note that there was only one item under said agenda to approve, namely:

Approve the 2024 bonfire guidelines and authorize Board President to sign the Christmas Bonfire Program Agreements with Local Governmental Entities as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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.

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, October 17, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 20 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$683,111.15 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 October 17, 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 regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$72,159.74 for September 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoices from Civix totaling \$55,346.84 (this total represents 2 projects: LPV - \$22,539.43; WSLP - \$32,807.41) representing the fees from September 1, 2024 through September 30, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 \$4,612.50 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 \$315.00 for the LA 22 Gapping Project as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 the LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$25,547.90 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 2024. Public Comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$27,599.02 as recommended as so noted in committee on October 17, 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$37,360.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 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 October 17, 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 invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$260,552.78 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 United States Department of the Interior - U.S. Geological Survey for the quarterly bill in the amount of \$2,650.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 expenses for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association 89th annual meetings held on December 5-7, 2024 in New Orleans, LA as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 2024 Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 request for a statement of no objection for the Capital Marine Supply LLC – Ingram Barge Facility request of October 3, 2024, through Curtis Engineering Services, concerning permission to install a 3-inch sewer force main and 4-inch potable waterline across the crown of the left descending Mississippi River Levee to service the Ingram Barge facility, vicinity of second order levee station 4724+84, at Reserve, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 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 to transfer \$14M of the PLD surplus fund balance account no. 2560 to the PLD committed fund balance account no. 2513 to provide for the mainline Mississippi River levee lifts in East Baton, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist and St. Charles Parishes (for the years 2025, 2026 and 2027), potential WSLP maintenance equipment purchases, and or the hurricane protection levee lifts in St. Charles Parish (for years 2026 and 2028) as recommended and so noted in committee on October 17, 2024. 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.

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, October 17, 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 August 16, 2024 and September 20, 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 on the requested and effective date of November 1, 2024, for a period of 3 years to construct permanent repairs in connection with Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity (LPV), Louisiana Project, North of Airline Highway, St. Charles Parish, Illinois Central Railroad Swing Gate, LPV 06F.2.1 project as per the Corps of Engineers maps entitled, “St. Charles Parish, Louisiana, Illinois Central Railroad Swing Gate, LPV06F.2.1, Greater New Orleans Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction System (HSDRRS), Issue Date: July 2024”, Sheet Identification Nos. G-001, G-002, G-003, and G-004. Issuance of this Right of Entry is contingent upon finalizing land rights required to support the Authorization for Entry. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Butler. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux advised members that if anyone from the board or office is planning on attending the annual ALBL and Mississippi Valley Flood Control meetings in New Orleans on December 3-7, 2024 – Registration is due in a few weeks and please let Kelly Poche in the office know as soon as possible.

OLD BUSINESS

Approve the Act of Donation and Agreement for Temporary Road Easement – St. Charles Land Company II, LLC. ET ALS and authorize Board President to sign said agreement. 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.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President