

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, Louisiana on Monday, December 16, 2024, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

December 13, 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, December 16, 2024 at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Lutcher, 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, Matthew Butler, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Aaron Pourciau, Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, and Kevin Hebert. Absent: Blaine Sheets, Percy Hebert, Jr., and Wardell Irvin.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director and Kelly Poche- Administrative Assistant 6 and PLD Lieutenant, Joseph Canatella. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier – PLD Board Counsel and Joe Sevario, Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Guests included: A.J. Domangue of Civix, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Jacqueline Bazile, Diana Poirrier, Kenneth Steib, Sr., Trey Simon of IUL and Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of November 18, 2024 was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Insurance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Vice Chairman of said committee who noted that there were a couple of items to report from the Insurance Committee meeting held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the 2025 Insurance renewal coverages as presented (General Liability, Auto, Property, Inland Marine, Excess Liability, Public Officials Liability, Crime & Cyber, Excess Crime, Law Enforcement, Deadly Weapons, Environmental Site Pollution Liability, Equipment Breakdown) by IUL in the amount of \$552,584.84 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the 2025 flood insurance coverage invoices through Wright National Flood Insurance Company totaling \$5,085.00 (PLD HQ - \$2,212.00; Albert Street - \$2,010.00; and PLD Maintenance Shop - \$863.00) as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the 2025 Workers Compensation as presented by Robert Insurance, renewal coverage by Louisiana Workers Compensation Corporation (LWCC) in the amount of \$100,734.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, December 12, 2024.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment Committee held on Thursday, December 12, 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, December 12, 2024, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 22 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$358,406.50 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 December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 transfer of Cross Bayou Pump Station structure and appurtenances by PLD to St. Charles Parish in accordance with the previously approved Cooperative Endeavor Agreement including applicable joint use of Right of Ways, Servitudes and Easements associated with the St. Charles Parish Hurricane Protection Levee specific to the pump station location and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Kevin 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 transfer within PLD accounts (for first payment) and to authorize the Executive Director to issue first payment to St. Charles Parish in the amount of \$3,500,000.00 as per the Cross Bayou Pump Station Cooperative Endeavor Agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Change Order for the SCADA System, said change order at no charge to the Pontchartrain Levee District, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$57,769.74 for November 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 \$54,843.10 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$11,437.82; WSLP - \$42,001.03; and Hwy. 22 - \$1,404.25) representing the fees from November 1, 2024 through November 30, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney, in the amount of \$3,848.34 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as

presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 Dwight Poirrier for LA 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$140.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 \$19,085.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 McKim & Creed for LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$77,229.66 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 \$95,766.90 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 invoices from Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for Task Order No. 9, West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain in the amount of \$3,244.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$208,638.18 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 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 December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 (LH&J) for Payment Application No. 1 for the metal canopy at PLD Headquarters in the amount of \$175,500.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. **Note for correction and clarity: This was to recommend the approval of the application and certificate for Payment No. 1 to American Construction Enterprises, contractor, and not an actual invoice of LH&J.** Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 Illinois Central Railroad Swing Gate in the amount of 7,847.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 Louisiana Emergency Preparedness Association for the 2025 Membership Dues in the amount of \$250.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda is to approve the invoice from St. James Parish Government for the West Shore Connector Levee Request for Payment No. 1 in the amount of \$8,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. 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 BASF request of November 25, 2024, through Providence Engineering, concerning permission to conduct a bank line stabilization project including a new levee crossing ramp, a new parking area at levee station 2341+1954, in Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre 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 request for a statement of no objection (408) for Low Carbon Logistics CCS Transport, LLC request of November 21, 2024, through Duplantis Design Group, concerning permission to install a new 7.26 mile, 24-inch main trunk-line and an 8-inch carbon dioxide pipeline lateral that will transport captured CO2 near Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 2024. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Vice Chairman of said committee who noted that there was one item to report on from the Personnel Committee held on Thursday, December 12, 2024, specifically:

The next item on the agenda was to approve to fill the vacant PLD Board Secretary position with Arlene Johnson Lee as recommended and so noted in committee on December 12, 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.

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 absent; Note: Updates were in the members packets)
- 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

Department of the Army, Corps of Engineers, New Orleans District – request of October 1, 2024, from Todd Klock, Chief, Real Estate Division, Real Estate Contracting Officer 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 to conduct annual maintenance surveys, stone repairs, and articulated concrete mattress repair work on the revetments located along the east bank of the Mississippi River, for the Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, East Baton Rouge, Iberville, Ascension, St. James, St. John the Baptist, and St. Charles Parishes, Louisiana, as per the Corps of Engineers drawings entitled, “Mississippi River Channel Improvement Project, Pontchartrain Levee District, Revetment Locations,” file number H-13-46072, sheet identification numbers C-01, C-02 and C-03, dated June 20, 2016, October 18, 2016 and June 20, 2016 respectively. 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.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux wished her fellow board members and our guests Happy Holidays and offered continued prayers for those members not present. Commissioner Clouatre offered prayers for the Wisconsin school shooting earlier in the day and acknowledged that we should all count our blessings.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District