

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday, January 27, 2025, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

January 24, 2025

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, January 27, 2025 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, Matthew Butler, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Percy Hebert, Jr., Aaron Pourciau, Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, and Kevin Hebert. Absent: Blaine Sheets.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Monica Salins Gorman- Executive Director and Arlene Lee- PLD Board Secretary, as well as, PLD PD 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: Jane Dufour of Civix, Nick Schexnayder of McKim & Creed, Henry Picard of BKI, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, John Troutman of CPRA and Sam Scholle with St. Charles Parish.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of December 16th, 2024 was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Percy Hebert. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Percy Hebert, Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Percy Hebert, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment Committee held on Tuesday, January 14, 2025.

Finance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Clouatre, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 23 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$212,407.88 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 January 16, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Percy 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 \$28,293.96 for December 2024 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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 \$56,609.51 (this total represents 3 projects: LPV - \$7,434,93; WSLP - \$41,825.06; and Hwy. 22 - \$7,349.52) representing the fees from December 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024, as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Percy 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 \$2,724.68 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Percy Hebert 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 \$105.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$15,528.89 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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.

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 \$15,044.15 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Percy Hebert 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 McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$55,887.53 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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.

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 \$1,440.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the Ascension Storm Surge Protection Project in the amount of \$1,408,850.85 pending approval of the amendment to the existing IGA by East Consolidated Gravity Drainage District and Ascension Parish as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana for the 2025 Annual Membership Fee in the amount of \$2,000.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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.

Personnel Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Percy Hebert, Chairman of said committee who noted that there was one item to report on from the Personnel Committee held on Thursday, January 16, 2025, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Professional Services Contract for the PLD Board Secretary, Arlene Lee, and authorize Board President to sign said contract as recommended and so noted in committee on January 16, 2025. 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.

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 (Nick Schexnayder for McKim & Creed)
- 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

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was the approval of a Professional Services Contract for Scott Kranz of GHD Services, Inc. in the amount of \$10,600.00 for expert services related to the matter entitled "PLD V Nicholas A. Lasseigne, III dba Nick's Gun Shop and Shooting Range" filed in St John the Baptist Parish, State of Louisiana for the WSLP project; (Dwight Poirrier). Mr. Poirrier addressed members and some discussion was had. 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.

Next was to approve the expenses for the annual Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Spring Legislative Meetings held on March 9-12, 2025 in Washington, DC (Monica Salins Gorman). Mrs. Gorman addressed members concerning the annual spring meetings and requesting notification of who will be attending. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Percy Hebert. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

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 6:48 p.m.

Arlene Lee, Board Secretary

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District