

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday, March 17, 2025, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 14, 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, March 17, 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 6:18 p.m. Board members present were: Seneca Boudreaux, Randy Cloutre, Sr., Aaron Pourciau, Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III and Matthew Butler. Absent: Percy Hebert, Jr., Kevin Hebert and Blaine Sheets.

Pontchartrain Levee District employee present was Arlene Lee- PLD Board Secretary, Kelly Poche – Administrative Assistant 6, as well as, PLD PD Lt. 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, Henry Picard of BKL, Nathan Junius of LH&J, John Troutman of CPRA and Hamid Alizadeh of Aptim.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the regular board meeting of February 17, 2025 was offered by Commissioner Cloutre and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

Equipment Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Pourciau, Co-Chairman of said committee, who noted that there were a few items to report from the Equipment Committee held on Thursday, March 13, 2025, specifically:

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, March 13, 2025, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 25 invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$943,100.79 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 March 13, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Cloutre 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 Memorandum of Agreement between CPRA, SLFPA-East and the Pontchartrain Levee District regarding the design agreement for Lake Pontchartrain and Vicinity levee lifts post armoring and authorize Board President to sign said agreement as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Cloutre. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to advertise for the leases in St. Charles, Ascension and Iberville Parishes as recommended as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Cloutre. 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 \$50,473.81 for February 2025 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 \$93,140.31 (this total represents 4 projects: LPV - \$12,758.40; WSLP - \$76,425.66; and LA 22 - \$3,675.00 and Bayou Manchac - \$281.25) representing the fees from February 1, 2025 through February 28, 2025, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, Board Attorney in the amount of \$5,650.35 for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 invoice the invoice from Dwight Poirrier for LA 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$840.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. 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 McKim & Creed for Laurel Ridge Levee Extension Project in the amount of \$18,375.76 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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.

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 \$80,382.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on March

13, 2025. 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 invoice from McKim & Creed for the Bayou Manchac Regional Risk Reduction Task Order No. 8 in the amount of \$129,585.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 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 March 13, 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.

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 \$176,824.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. 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 GHD Services, Inc. for the work associated with Nick's Shooting Range on the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project in the amount of \$6,062.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 invoice from Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Metal Canopy Oversight in the amount of \$1,142.36 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the Illinois Central Railroad Swing Gate in the amount of \$230.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for the November 2024 Bayou Manchac invoice in the amount of \$326.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 2025. 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 approve the expenses for the 38th Annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to be held on May 1-2, 2025 in Baton Rouge as rerecommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 final agenda item was to move the Thursday, April 17, 2025 committee meetings to Tuesday, April 15, 2025 as recommended and so noted in committee on March 13, 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 Pourciau, Chairman of said committee who noted there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee held on Thursday, March 13, 2025.

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. Poche 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 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 (A.J. Domangue, Civix)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux reminded the board members to let the office staff know who will be attending the workshop in May 2025.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The next agenda item was to adopt the fiscal year budget ending June 30, 2026.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Clouatre:

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Louisiana has requested all state governing boards, agencies political subdivisions to adopt a budget for each fiscal year, and;

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, in order to be in compliance with Acts 1985, No. 785, effective July 22, 1985 (LA R.S. 38:318) and to honor the request and intent of the Legislature, and;

WHEREAS, the major mission of said district is to maintain the east bank Mississippi River levee system as defined in LA R.S. 38:291 (L), to insure the levee integrity and capability, to safely understand river stages and hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, said District's additional purpose is to construct or support construction by others of new or enhanced levels of protection, to anticipate weaknesses in the levee system in order to avoid flooding caused by high river stages or hurricane tidal surges, and;

WHEREAS, careful consideration has been given to the assets and liabilities of the Pontchartrain Levee District, and;

WHEREAS, considering taxing revenues and other income and reviewing the anticipated expenditures of said District,

NOW, THEREFORE, with the recommendations of the Administrative Staff of the Pontchartrain Levee District, the following budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2026 be adopted:

SEE ADDENDUM "A"

Anyone having any objection to the foregoing budget should contact the Levee Board Office in Litcher, Louisiana and a public hearing will be scheduled.

The foregoing resolution was made a part of the record, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Matthew Butler, Aaron Pourciau, Charles Bazile, III and
Randy Clouatre, Sr.

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Kevin Hebert, Percy Hebert, Jr. and Blaine Sheets

VACANT: One (1)

The resolution to adopt the budget carried unanimously and is therefore adopted.

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 6:53 p.m.

Arlene Lee, Board Secretary

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District