

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at PLD Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana on Monday March 16, 2026, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

March 13, 2026

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 16, 2026, at Pontchartrain Levee District Headquarters, 2069 Railroad Avenue, Litcher, Louisiana 70071.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins Gorman,
Executive Director

Commissioner Clouatre called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. Board members present were: Randy Clouatre, Sr., Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, Matthew Butler, Harold Jarreau, Beverly Irvin, Kevin Hebert and Kyle Grace. Absent: Senecca Boudreaux and Aaron Pourciau

Pontchartrain Levee District employees present were Monica Salins Gorman- PLD Executive Director, Kelly Poche- Administrative Assistant 6, Arlene Lee- PLD Board Secretary, as well as, PLD PD Captain- Matthew Arseneaux. Also, in attendance: Dwight Poirrier- PLD Board Counsel and Joe Sevario- Executive Assistant to the Board of Commissioners of PLD.

Guests included: Henry Picard III and Michael Chopin of BKI, A. J. Domangue of Civix, Kimberly Koehl and Alex Foreman of McKim & Creed, Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish, Hamid Alizadeh of Aptim, John Troutman of CPRA, Nathan Junius and Charles Mouton of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Trey Simon of Alera Group, Mason Bonano of QES and Alenia Poirrier.

First on the agenda was the Election to fill the remaining term of Vice President Sheets (Dwight Porrier). Mr. Poirrier opened the floor for nominations. Commissioner Jarreau nominated Commissioner Clouatre and Commissioner Bazile seconded. A motion was made by Commissioner Butler to close the nominations. A motion to nominate Commission Randy Clouatre, Sr. as Vice President

was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 regular monthly board meeting of February 23, 2026 was offered by Commissioner Butler and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There were no objections, there were no public comments, and the motion carried unanimously.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Security/Safety Committee: Vice President Clouatre called upon Commissioner Chuck Bazile, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Equipment/Maintenance Committee: Vice President Clouatre called upon Commissioner Kyle Grace, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment/Maintenance Committee held on Tuesday, March 10, 2026.

Finance Committee: Vice President Clouatre 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 12, 2026, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the Iberville Parish Government Manchac Road Improvements Request for Grant of Servitude with the noted corrections by PLD Legal Counsel, Dwight Poirrier, and to authorize Board President to sign said agreement, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 renewal of the Standard Joint Funding Agreement between the U.S. Department of the Interior through U.S. Geological Survey and the Pontchartrain Levee District for one (1) year starting July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027, in the amount of \$11,130.00 and authorize Board President to sign said agreement, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President

Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$30,849.06 for February 2026, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Grace 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 \$57,537.37 (this total represents 5 projects: LPV - \$4,476.68, WSLP - \$48,736.76, Bayou Manchac - \$3,933.93, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension - \$353.75, and LA 22 - \$36.25 representing the fees from February 1 through February 28, 2026, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Grace. 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, APLC, for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project in the amount of \$3,558.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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, APLC, for LA 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$630.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. 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 \$798.26, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Vice President Clouatre and seconded by Commissioner Grace. 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 LWI- LA 22 Gapping Project Task Order No. 5 in the amount of \$27,916.40, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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 Flood Risk Reduction in the amount of \$58,500.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Grace and seconded by Vice President 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 the Perkins Road Bridge Raise Design in the amount of \$28,501.21, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Grace 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 Flood Risk Reduction Upper Channelization in the amount of \$1,672.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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 Crossing Replacements in the amount of \$2,019.70, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Grace 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 the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$1,440.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. 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 the Ascension Storm Surge Project in the amount of \$2,738.55, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the PLD Board Room Investigation in the amount of \$6,720.30, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: Commissioner Bazile requested a specific explanation regarding the breakdown of the 32 hours of billing. Executive Director, Monica Gorman, advised Commissioner Bazile that she could pull the invoice in question. Charles Mouton of Linfield, Hunter & Junius addressed the Board of Commissioners to explain the specific nature. Following the discussion and the provided explanation a motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Irvin and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Custom Security Systems, Inc. for the camera replacement for the Administrative Office in the amount of \$510.00, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Grace 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 the East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for the return of tax proceeds in the amount of \$38.63, as recommended and so noted in committee on March 12, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Personnel Committee: Vice President Clouatre called upon Commissioner Kyle Grace, Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted there was nothing to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on March 12, 2026.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director/LONO Report: The Executive Director's report and LONO's issued were in the packet for the board members' review. Mrs. 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 Project, Hwy. 22 - LWI Project, and the Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction Project (Kimberly Koehl for McKim & Creed)-Mrs. Koehl also informed the Board members that Alex Foreman will handle her matters for McKim & Creed while she will be out on maternity leave come June or July 2026.
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee Matters, Mainline River Levee, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, and the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Projects (AJ Domangue, Civix)
- d) Pontchartrain Levee District Administrative Complex-Boardroom Project (Charles Mouton, Linfield, Hunter & Junius)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

Vice President Clouatre thanked Trey Simon of Alera Group for catering dinner following the board meeting this date.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was to Adopt the Fiscal Year Budget Ending June 30, 2027.

The following resolution was offered by Commission Butler and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau:

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, 2027 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: Randy Clouatre, Sr., Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, Matthew Butler, Harold Jarreau, Beverly Irvin, Kevin Hebert and Kyle Grace

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Senecca Boudreaux and Aaron Pourciau

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

Next item under New Business was to approve the Just Compensation for acquisition of Parcels 1-1-C, 1-3, 1-4-C, 1-6-C, 2-1-C, 2-2-C, 2-3-C, 2-4, 2-5-C, 3-17-C, 5-1-C, 5-2-C, 5-3-C, and 6-18 in connection with the River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp and West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project based on the higher of the two (2) USACE reviewed and approved appraisals was offered by Commissioner Grace and seconded by Commissioner Irvin. Public comments: None. There were no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

ADJOURNMENT

The final motion was a motion to adjourn. Said motion was made by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 7:06 p.m.

Arlene Lee, Board Secretary

Randy Clouatre, Sr., Vice President
Pontchartrain Levee District