

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at St. James Parish Council Chambers, 5800 Highway 44, Convent, Louisiana on Monday, April 20, 2026, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

April 17, 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, April 20, 2026, at St. James Parish Council Chambers, 5800 Highway 44, Convent, Louisiana 70723.

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, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, Aaron Pourciau, Harold Jarreau, *Kevin Hebert and Kyle Grace (both arriving at 6:06 p. m.). Absent: Matthew Butler and Beverly Irvin.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees present were Monica Salins Gorman- PLD Executive Director, Tajanae Smith- Administrative Coordinator 4, Arlene Lee- PLD Board Secretary, as well as, Lieutenant Joseph Canatella- PLD PD. 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 of BKI, Jane Dufour of Civix, Kimberly Koehl of McKim & Creed, Billy Wall and Josh Renard of Waggoner, Nickie Monica of Infinity, Mario Durbic of GEC Inc., Sam Scholle of St. Charles Parish., Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius and John Troutman of CPRA.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited and a Prayer by President Senecca Boudreaux.

A motion to approve the minutes of the budget public hearing and regular monthly board meeting of March 16, 2026 was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 Chuck Bazile, Chairman of said committee, who noted that there was nothing to report from the Security/Safety Committee held on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Equipment/Maintenance Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Commissioner Aaron Pourciau who noted that there was nothing to report from the Equipment/Maintenance Committee held on Thursday, April 16, 2026.

Finance/Budget Committee: President Boudreaux called upon Vice President Randy Clouatre, Sr., Vice Chairman of said committee, who noted there were several items to report from the Finance Committee meeting held on Thursday, April 16, 2026, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve the recommendation for Application of Payment No. 33 (Retainage) invoice to The Lemoine Company, LLC in the amount of \$1,170,779.71 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 April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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 Amendment No. 6 for Professional Services Agreement between PLD and MB3 Inc. DBA Civix for additional funding in the amount of \$550,000 for right of way acquisition and program management services and authorize Board President to sign said amendment as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. 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 Resolution authorizing the President or Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District, to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights of entry, Authorizations for Entry, and any other instruments on behalf of the Pontchartrain Levee District in furtherance of the acquisition of the real property required to complete the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction/River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp Project in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana as recommended and so noted by committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 Resolution authorizing the President or Vice President of the Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District to sign any and all documents, agreements, permits, rights of entry, Authorizations for Entry, and any other instruments on behalf of the Pontchartrain Levee District in furtherance of conducting surveys and investigations and/or acquiring the real property necessary for the Bayou Manchac Regional Flood Risk Reduction project components in Ascension, East Baton Rouge, and Iberville Parishes, Louisiana as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. 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 Notification of Substantial Completion for the metal canopy at PLD Headquarters date as of August 7, 2025, acknowledgement of the final completion date as of October 9, 2025, Change Order No. 1 for a decrease in the amount of \$11,500.00 as represented in letter dated March 20, 2026 and Payment Application No. 3 in the amount of \$23,130.00 as represented in letter dated March 25, 2026 as recommended and so noted by committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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 regular monthly invoice in the amount of \$87,969.08 for March 2026 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. 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 Civix totaling \$61,429.66 (this total represents 5 projects: LPV - \$8,426.60, WSLP - \$47,620.94, Bayou Manchac - \$4,809.62, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension - \$217.50, and LA 22 - \$355.00 representing the fees from March 1 through March 31, 2026, as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 Dwight Poirrier, APLC, for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project in the amount of \$4,226.35 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

Next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Dwight Poirrier, APLC, for LA 22 Gapping Project in the amount of \$1,610.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 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 \$286.25 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 the Bayou Manchac Flood Risk Reduction in the amount of \$32,603.75 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 Perkins Road Bridge Raise Design in the amount of \$23,899.80 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 the Bayou Manchac Flood Risk Reduction Upper Channelization in the amount of \$1,090.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Bayou Manchac Crossing Replacements in the amount of \$7,450.95 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Jarreau 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 Burk Kleinpeter, Inc. for the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Project Task Order No. 9 in the amount of \$1,970.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. 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 Project in the amount of \$136,096.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert 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 La Terre Engineering, LLC for the LA 22 Gapping Project Grant Administration in the amount of \$37,760.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 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.

The next item on the agenda was to approve the invoice from Civix for March computer technical support in the amount of \$460.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Pourciau 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 Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the PLD Board Room Investigation in the amount of \$3,292.50 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 Regency Contracting Group through Linfield, Hunter & Junius for the PLD Board Room Payment Application #1 in the amount of \$18,675.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Pouciau. 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 East Baton Rouge Parish Sheriff's Office for the return of tax proceeds in the amount of \$1,385.97 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile 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 United States Geological Survey for the Annual Bill in the amount of \$7,950.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2016. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Pourciau 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 install a new Carrier 4 Ton Package Unit (heating system) at the PLD Maintenance Shop through Amato Refrigeration in the amount of \$10,950.00 as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile and seconded by Commissioner Hebert. 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 one item to report from the Personnel Committee meeting held on April 16, 2026, specifically:

The first item on the agenda was to approve to move forward with recommendations out of Executive Session for the Executive Director and Executive Assistant to the Board as recommended and so noted in committee on April 16, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Hebert and seconded by Commissioner Grace. There was no other discussion, there were no objections and the motion carried unanimously.

STAFF REPORTS

Executive Director/LONO Report: Executive Director Monica Gorman expressed gratitude for ongoing support and confidence in her leadership, noting that working with her team and support staff is an honor. Mrs. Gorman highlighted that their contributions are essential to her work. Mrs. Gorman also shared with the group, receipt of a Challenge Coin from Colonel Scotty Autin at her recent PR visit on Friday, April 17th, 2026. 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. Executive Assistant Joe Sevario expressed his gratitude to Mrs. Gorman for including the 2026 Louisiana House Bills, Senate Bills and Senate Concurrent Resolution in the meeting packet.

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)
- c) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee Matters, Mainline River Levee, Laurel Ridge Levee Extension, and the West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Projects (Jane Dufour, Civix)
- d) Pontchartrain Levee District Board Room Renovations - Linfield, Hunter & Junius (Nathan Junius)

RIGHTS OF ENTRY

None.

PRESIDENT/VICE PRESIDENT REMARKS

President Boudreaux congratulated Executive Director Mrs. Monica Gorman for receiving a prestigious challenge coin from the Commander. She also thanked Executive Assistant Joe Sevario for compiling and providing 2026 Louisiana House Bills that directly impact the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana.

OLD BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

The first item under New Business was to approve the Resolution by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District to purchase and/or expropriate Parcels 3-1-C, 3-2, and 3-3-C now or formerly owned by Estate of Bertha Badelle Kennard and Estate of Sidney Kennard required to complete the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction/River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp Project in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Bazile:

WITNESSETH, THAT:

WHEREAS, on February 10, 2019, the State of Louisiana acting by and through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana, the Pontchartrain Levee District (Non-Federal Sponsors) and the Department of the Army (Government) executed a Project Partnership Agreement for the construction of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project, St. John the Baptist, St. James, and st. Charles Parishes, Louisiana; and,

WHEREAS, on June 27, 2025, the State of Louisiana acting by and through the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board of Louisiana, the Pontchartrain Levee District (Non-Federal Sponsors) and the Department of Army)Government) executed Amendment Number 1 to the Project Partnership Agreement to include construction of the Maurepas Swamp Diversion Alternative 2, referred to herein as the River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp Project, as mitigation for the impacts resulting from construction of the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project; and,

WHEREAS, both projects are co-located between the Mississippi River and the right of way held by the Pontchartrain Levee District at WSLP-114 (Hope Canal); and,

WHEREAS, these projects are collectively referred to as the West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction/River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp Project in St. John the Baptist Parish, Louisiana (“Project”); and,

WHEREAS, the PLD, as co-Non-Federal Sponsor, has the obligation to deliver of “real property interests,” including lands, easements, and rights-of-way, including those required for relocations and borrow and dredged material placement areas, required for construction of the Project; and,

WHEREAS, on December 17, 2025 PLD made a Just Compensation Offer to Estate of Bertha Badelle Kennard and Estate of Sidney Kennard for acquisition of real property required for the Project; and,

WHEREAS, the Just Compensation Offer in the total amount of \$545.00 was the fair market value of required real estate interest to be acquired from Estate of Bertha Badelle Kennard and Estate of Sidney Kennard for the Project based on the higher of the two (2) appraisals by two (2) licensed Appraisers and reviewed by a Review Appraiser; and,

WHEREAS, the PLD had informed the landowners if amicable acquisition of required real estate interest cannot be negotiated 30 days from delivery of the Just Compensation Offer or if the landowners decline to take the necessary curative steps and the required real estate cannot be amicably acquired, PLD will have no alternative other than to acquire the required real property through expropriation in accordance with the law;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, in regular session assembled, that:

1. In the event that the required real property for Parcels 3-1-C, 3-2, and 3-3-C cannot be acquired amicably, the PLD will proceed to legally expropriate, prior to judgment, the required real property, identified in Exhibit A, In accordance with the law;
2. That the President of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District is hereby authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to complete said purchase and/or expropriation on behalf of PLD.

The foregoing resolution was submitted to a vote, the vote thereon as follows:

YEAS: Senecca Boudreaux, Randy Clouatre, Sr., Charles “Chuck” Bazile, III, Aaron Pourciau, Harold Jarreau, Kevin Hebert and Kyle Grace

NAYS: None.

ABSENT: Matthew Butler and Beverly Irvin

This resolution was declared adopted the 20th day of April, 2026.

Next item under New Business was to approve the Resolution supporting the Annual CPRA Integrated Coastal Protection Plan for Fiscal Year 2027, as unanimously adopted on March 18, 2026, by the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board.

The following resolution was offered by Commissioner Grace and seconded by Commissioner Pourciau:

WHEREAS, R.S.49:215.5.1 et seq. creates the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board to represent the state's position in policy relative to the protection, conservation, and restoration of the coastal area of the state through oversight of integrated coastal protection projects and programs; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority has developed its annual state integrated coastal protection plan for fiscal year 2027 (FY 2027 annual plan) to guide the implementation of critical protection and restoration projects throughout the State of Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board has unanimously approved its FY 2027 annual plan at its March 18th, 2026, Board Meeting; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 annual plan dedicates approximately eight-six percent (86%) of its funding toward the construction of, operation, maintenance, and monitoring of coastal projects, demonstrating a strong commitment to implementation; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 annual plan includes one hundred forty-three (143) active projects across Louisiana, including numerous projects within the South Central Region that directly benefit the Pontchartrain Levee District, all of our six (6) east bank parishes, and the entire Pontchartrain Basin; and

WHEREAS, the FY 2027 annual plan advances existing projects with ongoing funding committed to in prior years and provides new funding for major projects of direct importance to the Pontchartrain Basin, including projects of the Pontchartrain Levee \ residents; and

WHEREAS, the protection and restoration of Louisiana's coast are vital to the economic stability, environmental health, and safety of our Pontchartrain Levee District residents; and

WHEREAS, the Pontchartrain Levee District is charged with the responsibility of providing flood risk reduction by operating, maintaining and protecting the existing federal levee systems, both the mainline Mississippi River levee and the Hurricane Storm Damage Risk Reduction Systems, for the citizens and infrastructure property within its jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, HR1 by Representative Bourriaque resolves that the House of Representatives of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the state's FY 2027 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; and

WHEREAS, SR7 by Senator Hensgens resolves that the Senate of the Legislature of Louisiana does hereby approve the state's FY 2027 annual plan for integrated coastal protection, as adopted by the Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority Board; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District does hereby express its strong support for the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority's FY 2027 Annual Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Pontchartrain Levee District urges continued prioritization, funding, and timely implementation of projects that provide direct protection and restoration benefits to the Pontchartrain Levee District and the greater South Central Region through the passage of HR1 and SR7; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution be transmitted to the Louisiana Coastal Protection and Restoration Authority, the Governor of Louisiana, members of the Louisiana Legislature, and other appropriate officials.

THUS DONE AND ADOPTED this 20th day of April, 2026, at a regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Pontchartrain Levee District, a quorum being present and unanimously adopted.

Next under New Business was to approve the Just Compensation in connection with the River Reintroduction to Maurepas Swamp and West Shore Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane and Storm Damage Risk Reduction Project for acquisition of Parcels 3-9-C, 3-10-C, 3-15, 3-7-C, 3-8-C, 3-14, 3-11-C, and 3-16 based on the higher USACE reviewed and approved appraisals and Parcels 1-12-C and 1-13-C based on higher of the two (2) appraisal reviewed and recommended for approval by PLD's Review Appraiser as recommended and so noted in Board meeting on this day, April 20, 2026. Public comments: None. Motion to approve said agenda item as presented was offered by Commissioner Bazile seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. There was 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 Pourciau and seconded by Commissioner Jarreau. The motion carried unanimously, and the meeting adjourned at 6:51 p.m.

Arlene Lee, Board Secretary

Senecca Boudreaux, President
Pontchartrain Levee District