

The Board of Commissioners for the Pontchartrain Levee District met at its office on Monday, August 15, 2011, pursuant to due notice given to each member in due time, form and manner as follows:

August 12, 2011

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 at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, August 15, 2011 at the Lucher Office, Lucher, Louisiana.

Very truly yours,

Monica Salins,  
Executive Director

President Steve Wilson called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m. The following members were present: Messrs. Marty Poche, Jerry Savoy, L.C. Irvin, Allen St. Pierre, Ricky Bosco and Steve Wilson. Absent: Mr. Mike Delaune.

Pontchartrain Levee District employees in attendance were: Susan M. Sheets - Secretary to the Board, Clinton Rouyea - External Accountant, Joe Sevario – Executive Assistant to the Board and Dwight Poirrier – PLD Legal Counsel. Special guest included: Lance LaPlace of LCS, Henry Picard of Burk-Kleinpeter, Inc., Eric Poche of SJB Group, A.J. Domangue of G.C.R. & Associates, Les Waguespack of Shaw, Nathan Junius of Linfield, Hunter & Junius, Jake Lambert of G.S.A. & Associates, Jack Morgan of Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc., Josh Graham of Compliance Enviro Systems, Lauren Dimattia and Rhonda Braud of CPRA and Chris Williams of Moffatt & Nichol.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

A motion to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 18, 2011, was offered by Mr. St. Pierre, seconded by Mr. Bosco and unanimously carried.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Security/Safety Committee:** Mr. Marty Poche reported on the security meeting held on August 9, 2011. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to approve the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Pontchartrain Levee District and the Port of South Louisiana as prepared by PLD Board Counsel, and to authorize the PLD president to execute said agreement whereby the PLD, Board of Commissioners, agrees to loan four (4) PLD vehicles, that are surplus in nature and not being utilized by PLD, for the purposed by the Port of South Louisiana and their personnel for further levee inspection and security implementation, as well as, all other terms and conditions as set forth in the agreement as recommended by committee on August 9, 2011. This motion carried unanimously.

**Equipment Committee:** Mr. Marty Poche reported on the meeting held on August 9, 2011. There were no action items to report.

**Finance Committee:** Mr. Jerry Savoy reported on the Finance meeting held on August 11, 2011. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve the regular monthly invoices in the amount of \$60,726.49 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve the invoice from G.C.R. and Associates for the 100 year protection in the amount of \$27,874.35 for the month of June 1, 2011 thru July 31, 2011 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to approve the invoice from G.C.R. & Associates for computer technical support from May 1, 2011 through June 30, 2011 in the amount of \$57.50 as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Irvin then moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to approve the LASERS service credit to be purchased for Employee #3799 in the amount of \$1,651.38 (employee portion \$605.74) as recommended by committee. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Poche moved to approve the invoice from the Department of State Civil Service for the annual dues in the amount of \$5,661.00 as recommended by committee. This motion was seconded by Mr. Bosco and carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre then moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the expenses for the 28<sup>th</sup> GFOA Annual Fall Conference in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on October 5-7, 2011 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. President Wilson noted that the Executive Director would be attending some of these meetings. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the expenses for the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Fall Breakfast in Washington, D.C. on September 13-15, 2011 as recommended by committee. This motion carried unanimously. Next, Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to approve the renewal of the Official Journal in the "News Examiner" through Ruhr Valley Publishing, Inc. for the contract price of \$495.00 per month as recommended by committee. Motion carried unanimously. Mr. St. Pierre moved to approve to increase the Planning Assistance to States Agreement (PAS) between the Department of the Army and the Pontchartrain Levee District for the LaBranche Wetland Planning Level Assessment Study (previously approved by PLD Board on September 27, 2010) from the original study cost of \$100,000 to \$140,000, 50/50 cost sharing, in accordance with all other terms and conditions in the agreement, and to authorize PLD President, Steve Wilson, to execute the necessary documents referencing said increase in study cost as recommended by committee of August 11, 2011. This motion was seconded by Mr. Irvin and also carried unanimously. Lastly, Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to approve to authorize PLD President, Steve Wilson, to execute a License for Underground Pipelines, Cables and Conduit, per an agreement between the Illinois Central Railroad Company and the Pontchartrain Levee District, and submission of a one time fee of \$6,000.00, specific to the license and permission to construct and maintain a 19" CMP Gravity Sewer in a 30" Steel Casing across, along and underneath the property of the Illinois Central Railroad at M.P. 899.30 in St. Charles Parish, Louisiana. (Ref: LPV-06f.2 "Illinois Central Railroad Gate- Phase 2"; Swing Gate is being built with 100% federal funds and PLD is responsible for providing lands, easements, and right-of ways for the construction of the project) as recommended by committee of August 11, 2011. This motion carried unanimously.

**Personnel Committee:** Mr. Marty Poche reported on the Personnel meeting which was held on August 11, 2011. There were no action items to report.

## STAFF REPORTS

At this time, updated reports were given for each of the following projects by the respective engineer and/or representative:

- a) Amite River & Tributaries Bayou Manchac & Ecosystem
- b) West Shore-Lake Pontchartrain Hurricane Protection Project
- c) St. Charles Urban/Cross Bayou Pump Station
- d) Laurel Ridge Levee/Bayou Conway –Panama Canal
- e) Mississippi River Levee Multi-Use Trail
- f) St. Charles Hurricane Protection Levee
- g) LaBranche Wetlands

## LETTERS OF NO OBJECTION

The following requests were presented to the Board for action:

**IMTT** – request of July 27, 2011 through Waldemar S. Nelson and Company, concerning permission to drive piles for the construction of a new pipe rack and excavate for three underground culverts, between levee stations 5700+00 and 5711+00, at St. Rose, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 4, 2011 and OCPR dated August 10, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc.** – request of July 25, 2011 concerning permission to drive 34 timber piles at 101 Riverbend Drive, levee station 5852+00, at St. Rose, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 10, 2011 and OCPR dated August 2, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Valero St. Charles Refinery** – request of July 8, 2011 through Mammoet USA South, Inc., concerning permission to transport 57 hydrocracker components for the purpose of construction of the Valero St. Charles Hydrocracker Project, levee station 5180+00, at Montz, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 9, 2011 and OCPR dated August 11, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Valero St. Charles Refinery** – request of June 30, 2011 through Wink Engineering, LLC, concerning permission to install fence post foundations, a new driveway, a new culvert and relocate a ditch, between levee stations 5370+42 and 5394+00, at Norco, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. St. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. St. Pierre to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 4, 2011 and OCPR dated July 5, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Entergy Louisiana, LLC** – request of July 6, 2011 concerning permission to install one power pole with transformers to provide service to Oxy Chemical, levee station 3449+70, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated July 19, 2011 and OCPR dated July 15, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Valero St. Charles Refinery** – request of August 1, 2011 through Pelican Energy Consultants, LLC, concerning permission to install a new atmospheric storage tank, levee station 5375+00, at Norco, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 4, 2011 and OCPR dated August 3, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**City Parish of East Baton Rouge** – request of August 27, 2010 through Montgomery Watson Harza, concerning permission to construct the Central Pump Station, PS-42, levee station 35+00, at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in East Baton Rouge Parish. Mr. Irvin moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated July 12, 2011 and OCPR dated August 2, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Entergy Louisiana, LLC** - request of June 13, 2011 concerning permission to replace one power pole to provide service to Nucor, levee station 3372+86, in St. James Parish, Louisiana. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 2, 2011 and OCPR dated June 14, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Acadian Gas Pipeline** – request of July 19, 2011 on behalf of Enterprises Products through Hydro Consultants, Inc., concerning permission to install a four inch pipeline, between levee stations 4380+00 and 4395+00, near Garyville, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 2, 2011 and OCPR dated August 2, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Valero St. Charles Refinery** – request of March 18, 2011 and revised June 7, 2011 through Wink Engineering, LLC, concerning permission to replace the LA Hwy. 48 pipe bridge and utilities, levee station 5375+13, at Norco, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Please note that by email, dated July 25, 2011, the applicant’s consultant revised the plans and removed the power relocation items from this request. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated July 28, 2011 and OCPR dated June 14, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Cargill** – request of May 20, 2011 through Ardaman and Associates, Inc., concerning permission to drill six soil borings, levee station 4690+00, at Reserve, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Poche to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated June 21, 2011 and OCPR dated August 2, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Reserve Mooring, Inc.** – request of May 20, 2011 through URS Corporation, concerning permission to relocate five mooring buoys, levee station 4660+00, at Reserve, Louisiana, in St. John the Baptist Parish. Mr. St. Pierre moved, seconded by Mr. Bosco to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated July 20, 2011 and OCPR dated April 8, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**Drew Landry** – request of July 11, 2011 concerning permission to perform a site clearance of 0.3 acres of trees and place fill for the construction of a shed, house and driveway, levee station 3724+00, at Convent, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated November 30, 2010 and OCPR dated July 27, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**H&H Aggregates, LLC** – request of July 8, 2011 concerning permission to utilize an existing loading facility owned by Roussel Land LLC, levee station 4119+00, at Paulina, Louisiana, in St. James Parish. Mr. Poche moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated July 25, 2011 and OCPR dated July 26, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

**SCF Marine** – request of April 29, 2011 concerning permission to construct double levee ramps and install and maintain a floating repair dock, levee station 5675+94, at Destrehan, Louisiana, in St. Charles Parish. Mr. Bosco moved, seconded by Mr. Savoy to grant a “Letter of No Objection” to this request, per the requirements and prohibitions set forth in the Letters of No Objection of USACE dated August 4, 2011 and OCPR dated August 10, 2011 and reaffirmed by PLD. This motion carried unanimously.

## **RIGHTS OF ENTRY**

None.

## **PRESIDENT’S REMARKS**

President Wilson read the Letter of Thanks from Colonel Walsh into the record.

“July 29, 2011

Executive Office

Mr. Steve Wilson, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District  
President, Association of  
Levee Boards of Louisiana  
P. O. Box 426  
Lutcher, Louisiana 70071

Dear Mr. Wilson:

As the floodwaters from this year's great Spring flood recede, we thank you for the leadership and hard work you and your team provided during this historic event.

The success of this major flood fight could not have been achieved without your personal attention and commitment. The Great Flood of 1927 saw over 600 people lose their lives, 600,000 people forced from their homes, and property and over 16 million flooded acres. This year's record flood resulted in the inundation of 6 million acres within the confines of the Mississippi River and Tributaries system. Not one acre was flooded that was not a part of the design of the system.

I look forward to seeing you in person soon. Please accept my gratitude on behalf of the Mississippi River Commission and the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Walsh  
Major General, U.S. Army  
President, Mississippi River Commission"

### **OLD BUSINESS**

President Wilson gave a brief update regarding items of clarification concerning the Pinnacle Casino request for Letter of No Objection. He briefly discussed matters addressed at the meeting with Pinnacle Casino representatives prior to the start of the Board Meeting. President Wilson also briefly updated members relative to the professional services contract for debris removal and stated that said contract would not be entered into and thus terminated through the advice of the Board Counsel, Dwight Poirrier. Specific to the culvert evaluation and cleanout through the PLD jurisdiction, that service would be reviewed and looked at next month.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

At this time, President Wilson introduced Mr. Johnny Bradberry who arrived shortly after the start of the board meeting. Mr. Bradberry discussed levee armoring and gave a brief update relative to this matter.

### **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

At this time, Mr. Savoy moved, seconded by Mr. Irvin to adjourn. The motion carried unanimously and President Wilson declared the meeting adjourned at 6:56 p.m.

---

**Susan M. Sheets, Secretary**

---

**Steve C. Wilson, President  
Pontchartrain Levee District**