

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
April 10, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, April 10, 2018 at 9:30 A. M. in its office located at 505 District Drive Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. Drew Keahey, President, called the meeting to order and requested the Secretary call roll with the following present and answering: Mr. Drew Keahey, President, Caldwell Parish; Mr. Mike Calloway, Ouachita Parish; Mrs. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish and Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Mr. Rodney Hutchins, Vice President, Catahoula Parish; Mr. Charles Venable, Ouachita Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation, Monroe, La.; Mr. Max Tullos, Corps of Engineers, Vidalia, La.; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Chris Letendre, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; and Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police.

President Drew Keahey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, seconded by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of March 13, 2018 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, seconded by Commissioner Venoy Kinnard and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby approve all bills approved by the claims committee for March, 2018.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, sealed bids shall be received at the office of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District up to 7:30 A. M., May 8, 2018, at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., May 8, 2018 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862 at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for sale of the following surplus equipment:

2008 Ford F350 Serial # 1wftwf32y38ed12647
2005 Ford F150 Serial # 1fr12wx5nb0053

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Ashley Peters, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize Tracy Hilburn as the official representative of the Tensas Basin Levee District for the Community Development Block Grant Disaster Recovery Program through the Restore Louisiana Infrastructure: FEMA Public Assistance Nonfederal Share Match Program (CDFA 14.228 Grant # B-16-DL-22-0001/Year 2016).

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize Naomi Eppinette to conduct any and all banking activities deemed necessary within her line of job duties as Administrative Assistant through Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, Columbia, Louisiana.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

President Keahey stated that we will not re-advertise the 22 acres in Catahoula Parish. He also reminded the Commissioners that the Louisiana Board of Ethics Financial Disclosure is due by May 15, 2018.

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director gave up-to-date reports on levee status and high water.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development stated the river stages are being monitored.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police advised that the campsites are still under water and are being patrolled.

Mr. John Stringer advised that the Annual Workshop of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana, will be held on May 3-4, 2018 in Baton Rouge.

President Keahey stated the tax millage will be adopted during the May 2018 meeting.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District at this time, President Keahey adjourned the meeting.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President