

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

April 9, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, April 9, 2019 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. Rodney Hutchins, Catahoula Parish; Mr. Mike Calloway, Mr. Jonathan Johnson and Mr. Charles Venable, Ouachita Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish. Absent: Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Chief, Levee District Police; Mr. Mike Venable, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Timothy Jones, Franklin Parish.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Dick Zeagler, 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

3.0 DJA Diesel Generator Serial#6248

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$127.00
Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$60.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$127.00 for 3.0 DJA Diesel Generator Serial#6248.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Go Devil 9HP Electric Longtail Outboard Motor Serial#19Y347

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$277.00
Mr. David Wade, Jonesville, LA bid \$500.00
Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$30.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. David Wade of \$500.00 for Go Devil 9HP Electric Longtail Outboard Motor Serial#19Y347.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Lincoln AC/DC Stick Welder AC225/DC210 Serial# 6882

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$377.00
Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$330.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$377.00 for Lincoln AC/DC Stick Welder AC225/DC210 Serial# 6882.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Peerless 10" High Volume water pump Serial # 478261

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

No Bids Received.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Spike Drag Harrow

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$115.00
Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$20.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Joe Sylvestri of \$115.00 for Spike Drag Harrow.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Pallet of Bricks

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

No Bids Received.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Rhea's 10' Utility Trailer Serial # 000862

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$235.00
Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$150.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Joe Sylvestri of \$235.00 for Rhea's 10' Utility Trailer Serial # 000862.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Alligator PTO Broadcast Seeder

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$80.00
Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$30.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Joe Sylvestri of \$80.00 for Alligator PTO Broadcast Seeder.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Ford F250 factory bumpers (2)

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$127.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$127.00 for Ford F250 factory bumpers (2).

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

250 gallon metal oil tank w/man. Rotary pump

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$127.00
Mr. David Wade, Jonesville, LA bid \$50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$127.00 for 250 gallon metal oil tank w/man. Rotary pump.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

14' Express Boat, 4HP Yamaha Motor & Sureride trailer Serial#1506

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$1277.00
Mr. David Wade, Jonesville, LA bid \$500.00
Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$210.00
Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$350.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$1277.00 for 14' Express Boat, 4HP Yamaha Motor & Sureride trailer Serial#1506.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids to purchase:

Sharp AR M207 Copier

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

No Bids Received

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona N Haire, 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

MOREHOUSE PARISH: Section 14 & 15, Township 22 North Range 8 East, containing 79.54 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

No Bids Received.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

FRANKLIN PARISH: Section 31, Township 13 North Range 9 East, containing 80 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$31.24 per acre per year for a five year period
Mr. Steven Parker, Gilbert, LA bid \$25.00 per acre per year for a five year period

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Timothy Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$31.24 per acre per year for a five year period.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

CATAHOULA PARISH: Section 26, Township 5 North Range 5 East, containing 362.48 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Allen Scull, Deville, LA bid \$16.00 per acre per year for a five year period
Mr. Randall Wilson, Deville, LA bid \$32.10 per acre per year for a five year period
Mr. Carl Stelly, Kaplan, LA bid \$11.04 per acre per year for a five year period

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Randall Wilson, Deville, LA bid \$32.10 per acre per year for a five year period.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

RICHLAND PARISH: Section 22, Township 14 North, Range 6 East, containing 161.16 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Addison Thompson, Rayville, LA bid \$21.00 per acre per year for a five year period
Mr. Paul Mercer, Mangham, LA bid \$15.00 per acre per year for a five year period
Mr. Frankie Freeman, Winnsboro, LA bid \$28.00 per acre per year for a five year period

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Frankie Freeman, Winnsboro, LA bid \$28.00 per acre per year for a five year period.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

CATAHOULA PARISH: Section 7, Township 7 North, Range 5 East, containing 40 acres more or less.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:

Mr. Marlin Ryder Jr, Deville, LA bid \$36.25 per acre per year for a five year period

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Marlin Ryder Jr, Deville, LA bid \$36.25 per acre per year for a five year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Michelle Collum, 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 12, 2019 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, seconded by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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, 2019.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

President Keahey reminded the Commissioners that the Louisiana Board of Ethics Financial Disclosure is due by May 15, 2019.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner discussed the Diversion Canal Fees and the condition of the road.

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, gave updates on levee projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner discussed the maximum millage rate changes.

President Keahey stated the tax millage will be adopted during the May 2019 meeting.

Mr. Sam Hodge, DOTD, stated the river stages are being monitored.

Mr. Matt Varnell advised the pump stations are running around the clock to pump the high water.

Mr. Rodney Hutchins informed that Mr. Kenneth McKay with Dixie Surplus has passed away after last board meeting. Mr. McKay has been a buyer with us for years.

President Drew Keahey stated as there is no further business to come before the Board of Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District at this time, meeting is adjourned.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President