

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
August 08, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, August 08, 2017 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 and Mr. Mike Calloway, Ouachita Mrs. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish and Mr. Rodney Hutchins, Vice President, Catahoula Parish. Absent: Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish and Mr. Charles Venable, Ouachita Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. John McKowen, CPA & Auditor, Baton Rouge, La., Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Max Tullos, Corps of Engineers; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Johnny Trisler, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Chris Legendre, Maintenance Supervisor and Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District and Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Tensas Basin Levee District Police.

Commissioner Ashley Peters opened the meeting with prayer followed by Mr. Tracy Hilburn leading the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. John McKowen was recognized and addressed the Board of Commissioners stating this is the final year for his audit of the Tensas Basin Levee District after a six year contract. He expressed his thanks and gratitude for having served as auditor of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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

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 July 11, 2017 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, seconded by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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 July, 2017.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird , seconded by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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 the transfer of a campsite from Carolyn and Jimmy Nugent, Jr. to Zachary Lane Daze.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

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., October 10, 2017, 2013 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., October 10, 2017 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862 at which time they shall be opened and read aloud for the purchase of one new dump truck.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED bids shall be submitted for purchase of dump truck with and without trade in of a 1999 Freightliner FL80 Dump Truck equipped with a Warren Dump Body.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District requested qualification submittals in order to select an Engineering firm to assist with all necessary technical studies and planning, mapping and surveying services, environmental clearance and engineering, geotechnical engineering, preliminary engineering, obtaining necessary permits, engineering for developing plans and specifications and construction services associated with the Federal Emergency Management Grant Program.

WHEREAS, the following firms submitted packets for consideration: Denmon Engineering; S. E. Huey Company; SEMS Inc.; RCH Company, Inc.; KSA and Quality Engineering & Surveying, LLC.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the selection committee consisted of Tracy Hilburn, Tensas Basin Levee District; Samuel Hodge, La. DOTD and Nick Buthitta, La. DOTD selected Denmon Engineering to provide Engineer support for projects associated with the Federal Emergency Management Grant Program.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby ratify and approve the selection of the Engineer support for projects associated with the Federal Emergency Management Grant Program as was selected by the selection committee consisting of Tracy Hilburn, Tensas Basin Levee District, Samuel Hodge, La. DOTD AND Nick Buthitta, La. DOTD being Denmon Engineering.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District agreed the next regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District shall be Tuesday, October 10, 2016 at 9:30 A. M. at 505 District Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.

Mr. John C. Stringer gave an up-do-date report on levee projects stating in part the FEMA project is still a working project and the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers has money for dredging the Ouachita River in their proposed budget.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development gave an up to date report concerning permits requested and approved.

Mr. John C. Stringer gave up-to-date report on the Mississippi River and Tributaries as far as the Ouachita River and other streams are concerned within the area of the Tensas Basin Levee District. Mr. Stringer further advised he is working directly with the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers in an effort to make them realize the Ouachita River and tributaries are a part of the Mississippi River and Tributaries and the responsibility of the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Commissioner Rodney Hutchins advised he has received notice from the Louisiana Ethics Board advising he is being fine \$1,500.00 for not complying with required reporting to them and he further stated these people take their stuff serious so be sure you file all reports when required. He ask that required reports be mailed and emailed to all commissioners and suggested all commissioners file these report by certified mailed with the Ethics Department of the State of Louisiana.

Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell advised that Mr. John C. Stringer is and has done a fantastic job as Executive Director of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

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.