

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
FEBRUARY 11, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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 and Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Will Smith and Ms. Misty Martinez, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Max Tullos, Corps of Engineers, Vidalia, La; 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. Jason McMillan, Levee District Police.

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 sale of surplus equipment:

2011 Chevrolet Tahoe LL VIN# 7508 Mileage: 90,567

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

Caldwell Parish Sheriff Department bid \$13,501.00
Catahoula Parish Sheriff Department bid \$12,501.00
Mr. Jason Montpelier, Jonesville, LA bid \$11,505.00
Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$6,135.00
Mr. Joshua Cornwell, Grayson, LA bid \$8,200.00
Richland Parish Sheriff Department bid \$6,500.00
Southern Belt Auto, Lafayette, LA bid \$4,405.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Caldwell Parish Sheriff Department for \$13,501.00 for 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe LL VIN# 7508 Mileage: 90,567.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for sale of surplus equipment:

2014 Chevrolet Tahoe LL VIN# 8187 Mileage: 116,018

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

Caldwell Parish Sheriff Department bid \$15,599.00
Catahoula Parish Sheriff Department bid \$12,501.00
Mr. Howard Floyd Grayson, LA bid \$3,200.00
Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$6,335.00
Southern Belt Auto, Lafayette, LA bid \$5,010.00

Richland Parish Sheriff Department bid \$6,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Caldwell Parish Sheriff Department for \$15,599.00 for 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe LL VIN# 8187 Mileage: 116,018.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for sale of surplus equipment:

2011 Ford F-250 4WD VIN# 2415 Mileage: 118,077

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

Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$8,035.00
Southern Belt Auto, Lafayette, LA bid \$2,505.00
Richland Parish Sheriff Department bid \$11,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Richland Parish Sheriff Department for \$11,500.00 for 2011 Ford F-250 4WD VIN# 2415 Mileage: 118,077.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Ramona 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 January 14, 2020 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for January 2020.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona Haire 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 that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for sale of surplus equipment as follows:

- 2008 John Deere 7330 Tractor VIN# 7656 Hours: 6,283
- 2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor VIN# 2992 Hours: 5,691
- 1986 Phelen Triple Axle 44ft 50 ton Low Boy Trailer Serial# 0690

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., March 10, 2020 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., March 10, 2020 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862 at which time they shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Dick Zeagler 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 authorize the transfer of a campsite #WBS-8 from Annie Gates to Gerald A Mayo.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins 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 authorize the lease of a campsite #LL-28 to Johnny Gemar.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ramona 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 did authorize the Tensas Basin Levee District to renew the contract with Attorney W. Michael Street for one year and increase the fee to \$150.00 per hour.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer gave updates on levee projects in Morehouse Parish. He stated projects are suspended due to weather.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mike Calloway, and passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion was made by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Mike Calloway, and passed unanimously, to enter back into Regular Session.

President Drew Keahey advised no action was taken in Executive Session.

Mr. Mike Street thanked the board for renewing his contract.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner advised we are watching water levels and beginning to close gates and start pumping water. River currently at 32.3 feet.

Mr. Matt Varnell also stated we are beginning to close flood gates and will start pumping water.

Mr. Drew Keahey advised of the annual ALBL Workshop May 7th & 8th in Baton Rouge.

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
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President