

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
JANUARY 10, 2017

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, 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. Rodney Hutchins, Vice President, 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. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish; Mrs. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish and Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish Absent: Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish.

Others in attendance were: Senator Neal Riser, Columbia, Louisiana; Mr. Shelton Ruffin, Oak Grove, Louisiana; Mr. Gary Eldridge and 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 and Mr. Chris Legendre, Maintenance Supervisors, Tensas Basin Levee District, Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Maintenance Supertendant, Tensas Basin Levee District and Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police

Vice President Rodney Hutchins opened the meeting with prayer being followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

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 November 08., 2016 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for November and December, 2016.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Tew served as Attorney of the Tensas Basin Levee District from October 08, 2013 until November 08, 2016: AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee

District to express to Mr. Steve Tew its appreciation for services rendered; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Steve Tew was considered an asset, friend and dedicated supporter of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Steve Tew for serving as Legal Counsel of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton Ruffin served as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District from September 01, 1988 until November 09, 2016: AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District to express to Mr. Shelton Ruffin its appreciation for services rendered; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton Ruffin was considered an asset, friend and dedicated supporter of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Shelton Ruffin for serving as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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

WHEREAS, Mr. James Mayo served as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District from February 02, 1994 until February 22, 2016: AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District to express to Mr. James Mayo its appreciation for services rendered; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. James Mayo was considered an asset, friend and dedicated supporter of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. James Mayo for serving as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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

WHEREAS, Mr. Harlon Nobles served as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District from June 13, 1989 until March 24, 2016: AND

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District to express to Mr. Harlon Nobles its appreciation for services rendered; AND

WHEREAS, Mr. Harlon Nobles was considered an asset, friend and dedicated supporter of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby express its gratitude and appreciation to Mr. Harlon Nobles for serving as Commissioner of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Virginia Caviness  
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 FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for surface leasing for hunting purposes the following described property for a period of five years:

NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of NE<sup>1</sup>/<sub>4</sub> of Section 12, T23N, R10E, West Carroll Parish, La. containing 31.66 acres more or less.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., February 14, 2017 at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. 71269 and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La. 71269 and up until 9:30 A. M., February 14, 2017 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

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, that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, upon review and recommendation of Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, does hereby removed from Fixed Assets item number M128 being a Milder Matic 250 Welding Machine, housed in Monroe, Louisiana, due to condition and unable to purchase repair parts.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ashley Peters, 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 hereby approve transfer of campsite from Diane Chandler to Granville Harvey Cross.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

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

Commissioner Charles Venable, 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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District did advertise for and open bids on November 08, 2016 for sale of 2005 Ford F150 ½ ton truck, 6 cylinder, 5 speed, white in color Serial Number 1FTRF12275NB61031 and no bids were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby sell this truck to an individual for the sum of \$500.00.

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

The Tew Lake Control Structure deterioration was discussed with Senator Riser suggesting the Levee District contact Catahoula Police Jury suggesting they apply for a state Capital Outlay Emergency request to repair the control structure. Mr. John Stringer stated the Levee District needs to wait on Capital Outlay request and/or FEMA.

Financial reports and Levee District Police reports were reviewed and discussed after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation reported on outstanding permits.

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, advised the WRTA bill was passed with the bank stabilization staying in but the Ouachita-Black Rivers Navigation being left out.

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

Virginia Caviness  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President