

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
JULY 9, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, July 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. Absent: Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge and Mr. Dillan McIntosh, 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. Mike Venable, Ouachita Parish.

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

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 June 11, 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 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 all bills approved by the claims committee for June, 2019.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Dick Zeagler, seconded by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins 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 Secretary and President to advertise for bids for Moore Place and Claude Mann Levee repairs on Bayou Bartholomew, Morehouse Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED sealed bids were received, opened and read aloud by Denmon engineering, P. O. Box 8460, Monroe, Louisiana at Tensas Basin Levee District office, 505 District Drive, Monroe, Louisiana, at 2:00 P. M., July 8, 2019 as follows:

CW&W Contractors Inc bid \$1,091,036.80
Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc. bid \$775,836.00.
Lemoine Industrial Group, LLC. bid \$1,225,417.90.
W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. bid \$1,207,070.50.
Camo Construction Co Inc bid \$999,605.95.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the recommendation of Denmon Engineering, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District hereby accepts the bid of Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc., Harrisonburg, La. in the amount of \$775,836.00.

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 hereby authorize the transfer of a campsite #SB-9A from Gerald and Sherry Hull to Scottie and Terri Lucas.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, seconded by Commissioner Michelle Collum, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District is required to complete the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire which address the Commissioner's compliance with various State and Federal laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the commission by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be presented to the Commission's auditor at the beginning of the audit which is anticipated to begin in July, 2019 and

WHEREAS, the questionnaire has been completed and is now hereby presented for adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tensas Basin Levee District Commissioners, in due, legal and regular session convened hereby accepts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented and accepts full responsibility for the Commission's compliance with the laws and regulations addresses by the questionnaire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions; items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, and 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 the following to be removed from the Fixed Assets of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

- Flir Camera Model #HS-324(Asset # P045)
- Surface Pro 4 Tablet Serial# 38849361053(Asset # P086)

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Secretary

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President

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby waive the seven day rule which will enable same to discuss the following:

Purchase 13 acres on Brown Rd in Caldwell Parish.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director to proceed with purchase of 13.22 acres to provide borrow material as required by the Corps of Engineers for the Bank Stabilization on the East Bank of the Ouachita River, Caldwell Parish as follows:

Steven and Amanda McKee 13.22 acres total cost \$45,000.00.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development monitoring the tropical depression impact for north Louisiana.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner working on the Right of Entry in Caldwell Parish for the CORP.

Mr. Matt Varnell advised Ouachita Parish gates are open and Caldwell Parish gates are closed.

Mr. John Stringer reminded that we are selling ORVA raffle tickets.

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