

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
JULY 14, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, July 14, 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, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire(via phone), Richland Parish; Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler(via phone), LaSalle Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters(via phone), Franklin Parish; Absent: Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Will Smith, DOTD; 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.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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

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

- 2008 John Deere 48" Lawn Mower X320 Hours- 293.5 Serial#-7296

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

Mr. David Wade, Jonesville, LA bid \$237.50
Mr. Nathan Roark, Enterprise, LA bid \$700.00
Mr. Joe Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$93.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Nathan Roark for \$700.00 for 2008 John Deere 48" Lawn Mower X320 Hours- 293.5 Serial#-7296.

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

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

FRANKLIN PARISH: Section 6, Township 12 North Range 6 East, containing 43 acres more or less.

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

Mr. James Moore, Winnsboro, LA bid \$10.00 per acre per year for a five-year period
Mr. John Owen, Rayville, LA bid but did not include a deposit so this bid was rejected.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. James Moore, Winnsboro, LA bid \$10.00 per acre per year for a five-year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 9, 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for June 2020.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, 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

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, 2020 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 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 authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for Hunting lease as follows:

-44.7 acres in Franklin Parish, LA

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., August 11, 2020 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., August 11, 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

Mr. Brandon Waggoner gave updates on projects. Gator farm project should be complete within the next week. Jug Bend project will hopefully begin in August.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

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