

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
June 09, 2015

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. Charles Venable, Mr. James P. Mayo and Mr. Mike Calloway, Ouachita Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish and Mr. Harlon Nobles, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish and Mr. Shelton Ruffin, West Carroll Parish.

Others in attendance were: Ms. Blaine Roussell, Mr. Larry Decker, Mr. Melvin Hicks and Mr. Ryan McMillian, Department of Transportation and Development, Monroe, La.; Mr. Drew Keith, Honey Brooke Farms, Jonesville, La.; Mr. Steve Tew, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Johnny Trisler and Rick Vandevender, Levee Maintenance Superintendents, Tensas Basin Levee District, Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Levee Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District and Captain Brandon Waggoner, Levee District Police

Vice President Rodney Hutchins opened the meeting with prayer being followed by Mr. Tracy Hilburn leading in Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner James Mayo, 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 the official journal for fiscal year 2015-16.

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

Richland Beacon News bid \$4.80 per column inch being 1 column X 1”.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Richland Beacon News of \$4.80 per column inch being 1 column X 1’.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Harlon Nobles, seconded by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey advised no bids were received on Bid Sync and called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for furnishing of road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline commencing July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for the Jonesville, La. district.

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

McCartney Oil Co., 705 First Street, Jonesville, La. 71343 bid \$.08 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Delta Fuel Co., P. O. Box 1810 Ferriday, La. 71334 bid \$.14 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of McCartney Oil and Supply of \$.08 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner James P. Mayo, seconded by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey advised no bids were received on Bid Sync and called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for furnishing of off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline commencing July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for the Monroe, La. district.

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

Delta Fuel Co., P. O. Box 1810, Ferriday, La. 71334 bid \$.13 above daily index for off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Lott Oil Co., 7490 frontage Road, Monroe, La. 71202 bid \$.1487 above daily index for off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Central Oil & Supply Corp, 2300 Booth Street, Monroe, La. 71201 bid \$.14765 above daily index for off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Delta Fuel Co. of \$.13 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Virginia Caviness
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 advised no bids were received on Bid Sync and called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for furnishing of road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline commencing July 01, 2015 and ending June 30, 2016 for the Arkansas City, Arkansas. district.

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

Scott Petroleum Corp., 102 Main Street, Itta Bena, Ms. 38941 bid \$.10 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Scott Petroleum Corp. of \$.10 above daily index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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

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 May 12, 2015 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 Harlon Nobles, 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 May, 2015.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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

**AMENDED BUDGET
2014-15**

	FROM	INCREASE (DECREASE)	TO
REVENUES:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,168,000.00	87,500.00	3,255,500.00
State Revenue Sharing	150,000.00		150,000.00
Interest	408,500.00		408,500.00
Grants		17,500.00	17,500.00
Royalties and Leases	175,000.00	40,000.00	215,000.00
Intergovernmental	923,608.00		923,608.00
Miscellaneous	61,000.00		61,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	4,886,108.00	145,000.00	5,031,108.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Personal Services	3,138,400.00		3,138,400.00
Travel	35,000.00		35,000.00
Operating Services	868,200.00		868,200.00
Supplies	514,500.00		514,500.00
Professional	42,000.00		42,000.00
Capital Outlay	6,329,500.00		6,329,500.00
TOTAL EXPENSE	10,927,600.00		10,927,600.00

Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures

	(6,041,492.00)	145,000.00	(5,896,492.00)
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Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year

	7,707,000.00	(267,027.00)	7,439,973.00
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Fund Balance, End of Year

	1,665,508.00	122,027.00	1,543,481.00
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Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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

**BUDGET
2015-16**

REVENUES:

Ad Valorem Taxes	3,255,520.00
State Revenue Sharing	150,000.00
Interest	408,500.00
Royalties and Leases	225,000.00
Intergovernmental	890,012.00
Miscellaneous	73,000.00

TOTAL REVENUES: 5,002,032.00

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	3,180,166.00
Travel	35,000.00
Operating Services	892,200.00
Supplies	484,500.00
Professional	46,000.00
Capital Outlay	6,368,200.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 11,006,066.00

Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures (6,004,034.00)

Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year 7,707,000.00

Fund Balance, End of Year 1,702,966.00

A net decrease in revenues of \$29,076.00 is due primarily in grants not being received and reimbursement from Southeast Arkansas Levee District reimbursements being down.

A net increase in expenditures of \$78,466.00 being:

- 1) Capital purchases increased approximately \$38,700.00. A total of \$6,000,000.00 is being placed in the budget for flood control which will include levee improvements that are deemed necessary.

Fund balance is estimated to be approximately \$1,702,966.00 after setting aside \$6,000,000.00 for flood fight. If this does not occur, our fund balance could be as much as \$7,702,966.00.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director and Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Levee Operations Superintendent gave an up-to-date report on levee projects.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Harlon Nobles, 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 Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director to request the U. S. Army Corps of engineers, Vicksburg District undertake an investigation of the Ouachita River bank erosion problems under the authority of Section 14 of the flood Control Act of 1946, as amended with the Tensas Basin Levee District serving as the study sponsor.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the study would be federally funded up to \$100,000.00 and if exceeded a Feasibility Cost Sharing Agreement would be executed to be cost shared 50/50.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

Captain Brandon Waggoner advised if the Red River continues to rise, in the Catahoula Parish area, Hunt Road will be closed by the Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries Department and all campsite road will be closed also. Emails and letters will be mailed to each campsite lessee advising of the action to be taken and a second email/letter will be mailed when the roads are closed. He advised there will be one helicopter and two vessels designated to the campsites area during the high water from the Red River possible later next week.

President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none.

There being 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