

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
JUNE 12, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, June 12, 2018 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, 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 and Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Absent: Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Max Tullos, Corps of Engineers, Vidalia, La; Mr. Craig McRany, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, MS; 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. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police and Mr. Chris Letendre, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for the official journal for fiscal year 2018-19.

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 one column wide by one inch tall.

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 one column wide by one inch tall.

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 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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 for Monroe, Louisiana and Jonesville, Louisiana areas.

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 \$.14 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for unleaded regular gasoline, off road use diesel fuel and road use diesel for Jonesville, La. and bid \$.13 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for unleaded regular gasoline, off road use diesel fuel and road use diesel for Monroe, La.

McCartney Oil Co., P. O. Box 1200, Jena, La. 71342 bid \$.10 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for unleaded regular gasoline, off road use diesel fuel and road use diesel for Jonesville, La. and Monroe, La

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 \$.10 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded regular gasoline.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, seconded by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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, 2018 and ending June 30, 2019 for Arkansas City, Arkansas areas.

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

Scott Petroleum, P. O. Box 668, Lake Village, Arkansas 71653 bid \$.22 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for unleaded regular gasoline, off road use diesel and road use diesel for Arkansas City, Arkansas area.

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 of \$.22 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded regular gasoline.

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

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 8, 2018 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 Venoy Kinnaird, 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, 2018.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, seconded by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, and passed by vote by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none,

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:

**AMENDED BUDGET
2017-18**

	2017-18	AMEND	FINAL BUDGET
REVENUES:			
Ad Valorem Taxes	3,435,700.00	34,000.00	3,479,700.00
State Revenue Sharing	70,000.00		
Interest	224,600.00		
Royalties and Leases	225,000.00		
Federal Funds	10,000,000.00	-9,768,000.00	232,000.00
State Funds	0	12,000.00	12,000.00
Investments	0	-210,000.00	-210,000.00
Intergovernmental	992,375.00		
Miscellaneous	86,424.00		
TOTAL REVENUES:	15,034,099.00	-9,922,000.00	5,112,099.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Personal Services	3,490,648.00		
Travel	40,000.00	5,000.00	45,000.00
Operating Services	1,023,000.00		
Supplies	428,000.00		
Professional	47,000.00		
Capital Outlay	16,661,516.00	-10,000,000.00	6,661,516.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES:	21,690,164.00	-9,995,000.00	11,695,164.00
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures			
	(6,656,065.00)	(73,000.00)	(6,583,065.00)
Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year			
	7,000,000.00	(74,221.00)	6,925,779.00
Fund Balance, End of Year			
	343,935.00	(1,221.00)	342,714.00

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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

**BUDGET
2018-19**

REVENUES:

Ad Valorem Taxes	3,555,800.00
State Revenue Sharing	70,000.00
Interest	209,700.00
Royalties and Leases	200,000.00
Investments	-210,000.00
Intergovernmental	995,000.00
Miscellaneous	74,950.00

TOTAL REVENUES: 4,895,450.00

EXPENDITURES:

Personal Services	3,860,908.00
Travel	45,000.00
Operating Services	1,023,000.00
Supplies	459,000.00
Professional	44,000.00
Capital Outlay	6,463,542.00

TOTAL EXPENDITURES 11,895,450.00

Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures (7,000,000.00)

Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year 7,000,000.00

Fund Balance, End of Year 0.00

Total revenues estimated at \$4,895,450.00. Fund balance at beginning of year estimated at \$11,895,450.00 making total revenues of \$11,895,450.00 with expenditures estimated at \$11,895,450.00 leaving an unobligated estimated fund balance of \$0.00.

Purchase of fixed assets is set at \$6,463,542.00 with \$5,837,109.00 being set for capital improvements to levees and/or flood fight.

Fund balance is estimated to decrease to approximately \$0.00 due to levee improvements/repairs//flood fight and purchase of capital items. If the \$5,837,109.00 is not spent during 2018-19, there should be a fund balance at year's end of \$5,837,109.00.

Taxes expected to increase approximately \$120,100.00 due to reassessment in 2018. Expenditures are expected to decrease \$9,794,714.00 being in capital outlay due to FEMA reimbursement for 2016 flooding budgeted but not received during 2017-18 and not budget at all during 2018-19.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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 Mr. Drew Keahey, President to sign the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Ouachita Parish Tax Assessor Office and the Ouachita Parish Sheriff Office to include the Tensas Basin Levee District in the Ouachita Parish Homestead Exemption Audit.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for purchase of the following:

One(1) new Sea Ark Cub (2472) 24-foot long by 72-inch wide aluminum boat and a new tandem axle aluminum trailer.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sealed bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., July 10, 2018 at the office of Tensas Basin Levee District, P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La. and up until 10:30 A. M., July 10, 2018 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

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 President and Secretary to advertise for bids for purchase of the following:

One (1) New Cat 12M3 road grader or equivalent

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that sealed bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., July 10, 2018 at the office of Tensas Basin Levee District, P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La. and up until 10:30 A. M., July 10, 2018 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director and Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Maintenance Supertendant gave up to date reports on levee projects. They advised that there is damage to the river banks after the high water.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development stated DOTD will be working on split line and pipe projects in the Jonesville area to bring them up to new condition.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police advised that the Caldwell Riverboat Days will be held on June 29, 2018 in Caldwell Parish, La.

President Keahey stated The Year of the River 2019 is a celebration for the Past, Present and Future of the Ouachita River. There will be events throughout the 2019 year.

Commissioner Dick Zeagler advised the Tensas Basin Levee District will have July 2018 meeting at 10:30AM instead of 9:30AM.

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

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President