

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
APRIL 11 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: 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 followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tracy Hilburn.

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

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

FRANKLIN PARISH: NW $\frac{1}{4}$ of SE $\frac{1}{2}$ of N $\frac{1}{2}$ of Lot 8, 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 F. Moore, 767 Highway 871, Winnsboro, La. bid \$10.00 per acre per year.

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 F. Moore of \$10.00 per acre per year for a three year period.

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 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 March 14, 2017 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for March, 2017.

Virginia Caviness
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 does hereby approve transfer of campsite from Brett A. Gardner to Chad W. Futch.

Virginia Caviness
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 authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for surface lease the following described properties:

Lots 4, 5 & 6 of Section 1, Township 7 North, Range 4 East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana containing 71 acres more or less for hunting purposes for a five year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., May 09,, 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. and up until 9:30 A. M., May 09, 2017 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Virginia Caviness
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 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 terminate that certain lease executed by Dustin Cooper, 419 Browntown Road, Jena, Louisiana, in the annual amount of \$1,970.60, due annually on or before April 01, for a five year period commencing April 01, 2016 and ending March 31, 2021, being dated March 22, 2016 on the following described:

Lots 3, 4 & 7 (E/2 of E/2 of section lying east of Dry River), Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 4 East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana containing 65.36 acres more or less.

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 lease the following described properties:

Lots 3, 4 & 7 (E/2 of E/2 of section lying east of Dry River), Section 12, Township 7 North, Range 4 East, LaSalle Parish, Louisiana containing 65.36 acres more or less for hunting purposes for a five year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., May 09,, 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. and up until 9:30 A. M., May 09, 2017 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Virginia Caviness
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 Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District is in receipt of a letter from U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District requesting Rights-of-Entry be furnished for the FC/MR&T, Ouachita River, Ouachita River Watershed, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana Bank Stabilization, Mile 162-163 and 167.5.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District has obtained the necessary Rights-of-Entry for the Ouachita River Bank Stabilization Mile 162-163 and 167.5.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District has acquired the Rights-of-Entry required by the Department of the Army, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District. The Levee District is otherwise vested with Rights-of-Entry to support, surveying and site investigations for the FC/MR&T, Ouachita River, Ouachita River Watershed, Ouachita Parish, Louisiana bank Stabilization, Mile 162-163 and 167.5.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Rights-of-Entry are made available free of all costs to the United States, including damages to timber and crops, if any, and that the Levee District will hold harmless and blameless the United States of America and the U. S. Corps of Engineers for any and all damages that may result from the construction of the proposed work.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a certified copy of this resolution be forwarded to the U. S. Army corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District.

Adopted this 11th day of April, 2017.

Virginia Caviness
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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 Kristina Kennedy to conduct any and all banking activities deemed necessary within her line of job duties as Human Resources Officer through Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, Columbia, Louisiana.

Virginia Caviness

Drew Keahey

Secretary

President

Financial 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.

Commissioner Rodney Hutchins expressed his appreciation and thankfulness to retired employee, Mrs. Donna Smalling, stating she assisted him in every way possible when needed. He further stated she should be invited to any activity the Levee District has.

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