

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
March 13, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, March 13, 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. Charles Venable and Mr. Mike Calloway, Ouachita Parish; Mrs. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish and Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Mr. Rodney Hutchins, Vice President, Catahoula Parish; Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation, Monroe, La.; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; and Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police.

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

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

FRANKLIN PARISH: S/2 of Section 10, Township 11 North Range 6 East, containing 223 acres more or less.

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

Mr. Gerald Gilmore, 8509 Hwy 562, Extension, LA 71243 bid \$20.50 per acre per year for a five year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Gerald Gilmore of \$20.50 per acre per year for a five year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

WEST CARROLL PARISH: E/2 of SE/4 of Section 1, Township 20 East Range 9 East, containing 77.16 acres more or less.

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

Mr. Roy Daniels, 205 Dixon Estates Sterlington, LA 71280 bid \$10.00 per acre per year for a five year period.

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

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

CATAHOULA PARISH: NW/4 of SW/4 of Section 30, Township 5 North Range 5 East, containing 40 acres more or less.

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

Mr. Dwayne J Dausat, Po Box 136 Effie, LA 71331 bid \$20.00 per acre per year for a five year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Dwayne J Dausat of \$20.00 per acre per year for a five year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

CATAHOULA PARISH: NW/4 of SE/ of Section 24, Township 17 North Range 5 East, containing 40.40 acres more or less.

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

Fannin Brothers Farm, Mr. Lester Fannin, 332 Fannin Rd Jonesville, LA 71343 bid \$80.00 per acre per year for a three year period.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Lester Fannin of \$80.00 per acre per year for a three year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Dick Zeagler, 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 February 13, 2018 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting 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 February, 2018.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting 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 authorize Mr. John Stringer to sign right of way documents for the Corp of Engineers.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona N. Haire, 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 approve continued payments to Louisiana Flood Insurance Reform Coalition Contribution of \$5000.00.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director gave up-to-date reports on levee projects FEMA Public Assistance.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development gave an up to date report concerning roadway closings due to high water.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police advised that the campsites are being affected by the flood water and are being patrolled.

Mr. Justin Holloway, Foreman, Tensas Basin Levee District gave an up to date report concerning the structures at the Jonesville location.

Commissioner Ramona N. Haire gave an up to date report on Ms. Virginia.

Mr. John Stringer gave overview of the trip to Washington D.C.

President Keahey stated the tax millage needs to be reviewed.¹

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
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President