

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

March 12, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, March 12, 2019 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. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse 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; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Hobie Martin and Mr. Sean Sponge, Department of Transportation and Development; 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; Mr. Tommy Williams, Richland Parish; Mr. James Thorton, East Carroll Parish; Mr. Kenneth McKay, Grant Parish; Mr. Mike Venable, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Jeb Clearman, Purvis, MS.

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

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 bids to purchase:

1998 Caterpillar D6R Bull Dozer 970 hours Serial # 09PN01234

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

Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$92,624.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$92,375.00
Mr. Kevin McMurray, Winnsboro, LA bid \$62,501.00
Mr. Marcus Evans, Jonesville, LA bid \$73,600.00
Mr. John T. Moroni, Gilbert, LA bid \$30,000.00
Mr. Chris Doughty, Jonesville, LA bid \$38,651.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$80,000.00
Delta Land & Farm, Mer Rouge, LA bid \$35,000.00
Mr. Bradley McDowell, Jena, LA bid \$ 54,795.00
Dixie Surplus Machinery, Pollock, LA bid \$47,000.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$86,376.00
Mr. Gary Brown, Minden, LA bid \$67,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales of \$92,624.00 for 1998 Caterpillar D6R Bull Dozer 970 hours Serial # 09PN01234.

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

1999 John Deere 7610 Tractor 2,120 hours Serial # 037444

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

Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$23,588.00
Dixie Surplus Machinery, Pollock, LA bid \$18,000.00
Mr. Robert Dickerman, Bonne Terre, MO bid \$16,000.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$25,750.00
Mr. Chris Doughty, Jonesville, LA bid \$13,651.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$12,000.00
Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$3,550.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$15,213.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$39,631.00
Mr. James Wiggins, Rayville, LA bid \$25,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. David Catching of \$39,631.00 for 1999 John Deere 7610 Tractor 2,120 hours Serial # 037444.

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

1993 AM General Humve M998 26,482 miles Serial # 144658

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

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$4,392.00
Dixie Surplus Machinery, Pollock, LA bid \$2,100.00
Mr. Robert Dickerman, Bonne Terre, MO bid \$3,100.00
Mr. David McGuffee, Jonesville, LA bid \$500.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$3,126.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$4,392.00 for 1993 AM General Humve M998 26,482 miles Serial # 144658.

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

1998 Caterpillar 135H Motor Grader 10,469 hours Serial# 98227069

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

Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$32,782.00
Dixie Surplus Machinery, Pollock, LA bid \$27,000.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$10,875.00
Mr. Kevin McMurray, Winnsboro, LA bid \$20,000.00
Mr. Marcus Evans, Jonesville, LA bid \$38,850.00
Mr. John T. Moroni, Gilbert, LA bid \$20,000.00
Mr. Jason Wright, Trout, LA bid \$36,100.00
Mr. Bradley McDowell, Jena, LA bid \$34,950.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$27,636.00
Mr. Gary Brown, Minden, LA bid \$31,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Marcus Evans of \$38,850.00 for 1998 Caterpillar 135H Motor Grader 10,469 hours Serial# 98227069.

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

1991 AM General Humve M998 2,082 miles Serial #110790

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

Lynn's Enterprise, Purvis, MS bid \$5,892.00
Dixie Surplus Machinery, Pollock, LA bid \$2,100.00
Mr. Robert Dickerman, Bonne Terre, MO bid \$3,100.00
Mr. David McGuffee, Jonesville, LA bid \$500.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$3,635.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Lynn's Enterprise of \$5,892.00 for 1991 AM General Humve M998 2,082 miles Serial #110790.

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

15' Flexwing Bush Hog Serial# 1202938

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

Mr. Bradley McDowell, Jena, LA bid \$5,650.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$8,736.00
Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$510.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$3,000.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$2,200.00
Mr. John T. Moroni, Gilbert, LA bid \$4,500.00
Mr. Chris Doughty, Jonesville, LA bid \$3,651.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$5,750.00
Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$4,780.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. David Catching of \$8,736.00 for 15' Flexwing Bush Hog Serial# 1202938.

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

7' Bush Hog Serial #1200175

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

Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$2,739.00
Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$1,120.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$2,000.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$750.00
Mr. Chris Doughty, Jonesville, LA bid \$1,151.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$1,425.00
Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$2,899.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales of \$2,899.00 for 7' Bush Hog Serial #1200175.

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

Box Blade Serial # Unknown

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

Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$60.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$225.00

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 Thornton of \$225.00 for Box Blade Serial # Unknown.

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

Ashland 61-S Earth Scraper Serial # 21006

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

Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$3,899.00
Mr. David Catching, Sherman, TX bid \$4,296.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$750.00
Mr. Marcus Evans, Jonesville, LA bid \$3,000.00
Mr. Nathan Roark, Enterprise, LA bid \$3,500.00
Mr. Jason Wright, Trout, LA bid \$2,200.00
Mr. James Thornton, Transylvania, LA bid \$2,250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. David Catching of \$4,296.00 for Ashland 61-S Earth Scraper Serial # 21006.

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

Two 18.4-34 Rear Tractor tire with rim

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

Mr. John T. Moroni, Gilbert, LA bid \$400.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$150.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$300.00
Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$220.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. John T. Moroni of \$400.00 for Two 18.4-34 Rear Tractor tire with rim.

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

Two 18.4-34 Rear Tractor tire without rim

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

Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales, Seminary, MS bid \$1,050.00
Mr. Tommy Williams, Rayville, LA bid \$200.00
Carr's Dirt Works, Columbia, LA bid \$200.00
Mr. Joseph Sylvestri, Rayville, LA bid \$50.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Ellis Truck & Equipment Sales of \$1,050 for Two 18.4-34 Rear Tractor tire without rim.

Naomi Eppinette
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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February 12, 2019 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for February, 2019.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the transfer of a campsite JB-4B from Lester Fannin to Chad Smith.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell 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 authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids for leases as follows:

- Hunting 79.54 acres in Morehouse Parish
- Hunting 80 acres in Franklin Parish
- Hunting 362.48 acres in Catahoula Parish
- Hunting 161.16 acres in Richland Parish
- Hunting 40 acres in Catahoula Parish

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., April 9, 2019 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., April 9, 2019 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862 at which time they shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, 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:

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 sale of surplus equipment as follows:

- 3.0 DJA Diesel Generator Serial#6248
- Go Devil 9HP Electric Longtail Outboard Motor Serial#19Y347
- Lincoln AC/DC Stick Welder AC225/DC210 Serial# 6882
- Peerless 10" High Volume water pump Serial # 478261
- Humve Hard Top
- Spike Drag Harrow
- Pallet of Bricks
- Rhea's 10' Utility Trailer Serial # 000862
- Alligator PTO Broadcast Seeder
- Ford F250 factory bumpers (2)
- 250 gallon metal oil tank w/man. Rotary pump
- 14' Express Boat, 4HP Yamaha Motor & Sureride trailer Serial#1506
- Sharp AR M207 Copier

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Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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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
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, gave updates on levee projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner gave updates on reimbursement for Morehouse Levee projects and announced Matt Varnell as the new Maintenance Supervisor for the Monroe office.

Mr. Matt Varnell expressed thanks to the Board for the opportunity for the Maintenance Supervisor position. He stated they have been patrolling the levees daily during the high water.

Mr. Justin Holloway gave updates on the river levels in Jonesville.

Mr. John Stringer gave updates on Ouachita River levels.

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