

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
May 8, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, May 8, 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, Vice President, Catahoula Parish; Mr. Mike Calloway, Ouachita Parish; Mrs. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnard, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish and Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish; Mr. Charles Venable, Ouachita Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation, Monroe, La.; Mr. Damian Bollich and Mr. Sam Little, Farm Bureau, Morehouse Parish, LA; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Chris Letendre, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police, Becky Keahey, Caldwell Parish, LA; Mr. Johnny Trisler, Jonesville, LA.

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 Venoy Kinnard, 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:

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for sale of surplus equipment as follows:

2008 Ford F-350 Dually Truck, Serial Number 1WFTWF32Y38ED12647
2005 Ford F-150 Truck, Serial Number 1FTR12WX5NB0053

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

Mr. James Durham, 57 Aycock Rd Purvis, Ms. bid \$5,277.00 for 2008 Ford F-350 and \$1,377.00 for 2005 Ford F-150.

Mr. Joe Sylvestri, 95 Green St Rayville, La. bid \$3,160.00 for 2008 Ford F-350 and \$985.00 for 2005 Ford F-150.

Mr. Kevin Routon, 227 Pleasant Lane, Jonesville, La. bid \$6,176.69 for 2008 Ford F-350.

Mr. Nathan Roark, 6235 Hwy 124, Enterprise, La. bid \$3,100.00 for 2008 Ford F-350.

Mr. Dave and Kelly Hudspeth, 143 Snooks Rd, Jena, La. bid \$5,222.00 for 2008 Ford F-350 and \$1,111.00 for 2005 Ford F-150.

Mr. Kenneth Rushing, 2022 Robert Gray St, Vidalia, La. bid \$2,000.00 for 2005 Ford F-150.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Kevin Routon of \$6,176.69 for 2008 Ford F-350 and Mr. Kenneth Rushing of \$2,000.00 for 2005 Ford F-150.

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 Vice President Rodney Hutchins called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

RESOLUTION

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 as follows:

Official Journal
Fuel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., June 12, 2018 at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. 71269 and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Courthouse, Rayville, La. and up until 9:30 A. M., June 12, 2018 at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Rodney Hutchins
Vice President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Michelle Collum, 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of April 10, 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 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 April, 2018.

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 appoint Naomi Eppinette as the Secretary to the Board of Commissioners.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize Naomi Eppinette, Administrative Assistant to be added as a signer for Tensas Basin Levee District on the Checking account at Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, Columbia, Louisiana. This authorization includes all banking duties, internet banking and transfers.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona Haire, seconded by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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,

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2018 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District:

MILLAGE:

Tensas Basin Levee District

3.0 Millage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin, LaSalle, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland and West Carroll, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth upon the assessment roll of said Parishes for the year 2018, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Collum, Haire, Harwell, Hutchins, Keahey, Venable, Johnson, Calloway, Kinnaird, Peters, Zeagler

NAYS: None

ABSTAINED: None

ABSENT: None

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director and Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor gave up-to-date reports on levee projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor advised that Farm Bureau of Morehouse Parish will be donating equipment for the Tensas Basin Levee District to use.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development stated the river stages dropped below flood stage.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Captain, Levee District Police advised that the campsites are now open and there have been no reports of any crime.

Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor advised water is below flood stage and structures are open in Jonesville, La.

President Keahey stated they had a productive meeting in Baton Rouge.

Mr. Robert Neal Harwell thanked all the workers for their hard work during the flood.

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
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President