

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
May 14, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, May 14, 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. 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; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge, Mr. Curt Boniol and Mr. Dillan McIntosh, 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. Mike Venable, Ouachita Parish.

Vice President Rodney Hutchins opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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

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

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., June 11, 2019 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 11, 2019 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

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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

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:

Fuel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., June 11, 2019 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 11, 2019 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

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 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

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., June 11, 2019 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., June 11, 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 Mike Calloway, seconded by Commissioner , 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 9, 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 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 all bills approved by the claims committee for April, 2019.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins 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

BE IT RESOLVED, that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2019 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 2019, 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 gave up-to-date reports on levee projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development advised they are monitoring the Ouachita River levels. DOTD also has placed traffic counters on the Diversion Canal.

Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor advised the Black River is at 53ft and expected to crest at 53.5ft.

Mr. Rodney Hutchins reminded Commissioners the Annual Financial Disclosure deadline is May 15, 2019.

Mr. Robert Neal Harwell showed appreciation to all the workers for their hard work during the flood fight.

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