

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
OCTOBER 9, 2018

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, October 8, 2018 at 10:30 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. Charles Venable and Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish. Absent: Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Mike DeFalco, Audit Director, Broussard & Company CPA; Mr. James Ross, Mr. Neil Lewis and Col. Mike Derosier, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, La; Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Max Tullos, Corps of Engineers, Vidalia, La; 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. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Chief, Levee District Police; Mr. Chris Letendre, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillan, Levee District Police.

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

Mr. Mike DeFalco presented the 2017-2018 Independent Auditor's report for the Tensas Basin Levee District.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Michelle Collum, 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 September 11, 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 September, 2018.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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 following projects to be funded under Disaster Number 4263, Project Title TBL004D Water Control Facilities 8 Levees Project Number 804: Horse Bayou Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Naff Place Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Huff Place Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Claude Mann Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Harrell Brake Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Moore Place Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Seven Pine Levee, Morehouse Parish, La; Rawlinson Place Levee Morehouse Parish, La.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. Drew Keahey, President, advised to strike out the next two agenda items:

- 1) Discuss Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between Tensas Basin Levee District and Region 8 Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness for a 26' Lifetime boat after public comments.
- 2) Discuss trade of blue wave bay boat currently owned by the Tensas Basin Levee District for the 26' Lifetime boat currently owned by the Tensas Parish Fire District after public comments.

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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

Mr. Drew Keahey, President discussed to approve the Rewards Program of four percent (4%) one-time bonus possible for Tensas Basin Levee District employees.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. Tracy Hilburn, Operations Supervisor, gave up to date reports on levee projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, DOTD, gave updates on projects.

Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District, advised that the Project Manger contract is being circulated for execution.

Col. Mike Derosier, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, La, discussed the award for outstanding maintenance to the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Motion was made by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, seconded by Commissioner Mike Calloway, and passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

Motion was made by Commissioner Mike Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Michelle Collum, and passed unanimously, to enter back into Regular Session.

President Drew Keahey advised no action was taken in Executive Session.

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