

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
SEPTEMBER 10, 2019

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, September 10, 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. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Sam Hodge 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. Johnny Fontana, Monroe, LA; Mr. Colby Daughtery and Mr. Bo DeBlieux, Bastrop, LA.

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

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Venoy Kinnaird, 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:

CATAHOULA PARISH: Sections 13,14,23 & 24, T5N, R5E, containing 22 acres more or less.

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

Mr. Terry Deshotel, Jennings, LA bid \$12.25 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. Terry Deshotel of \$12.25 per acre per year for a five year period.

Naomi Eppinette
Acting Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Ramona Haire, 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:

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

2008 Blue Wave Boat, Motor and Trailer

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 \$7,777.00
John Hopper, Monroe, LA bid \$9,500.00
Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$2,870.00
Johnny Fontana, Monroe, LA bid \$6,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of John Hopper of \$9,500.00 for 2008 Blue Wave Boat, Motor and Trailer.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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:

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

2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 3143

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

Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$14,270.00
Tim Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$19,500.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Tim Jones of \$19,500.00 for 2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 3143.

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:

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

2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 3017

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

Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$12,670.00
Tim Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$18,250.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Tim Jones of \$18,250.00 for 2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 3017.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell, 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:

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

2004 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 6486

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

Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$18,370.00
Tim Jones, Gilbert, LA bid \$15,250.00
Nathan Roark, Enterprise, LA bid \$14,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Catching Bros of \$18,370.00 for 2004 John Deere 7420 Tractor Serial # 6486.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Rodney Hutchins, 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:

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

2014 Ford F550 Vin#5388

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

Catching Bros, Sherman, TX bid \$21,280.00
Will Huffman Trout, LA bid \$18,300.00
J&S Joint Venture, Bastrop, LA bid \$ 20,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Catching Bros of \$21,280.00 for 2014 Ford F550 VIN# 5388.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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

Sharp AR M207 Copier

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

No Bids

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that there was no bids for the Sharp AR M207 Copier.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Mike Calloway, 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of August 13, 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 Robert N 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for August, 2019.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Jonathan Johnson, seconded by Commissioner Ramona 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:

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 to purchase One (1) New 50-51 ton Lowboy Trailer.

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., October 8, 2019 at P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Rayville, La.; and up until 9:30 A. M., October 8, 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 Dick Zeagler 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 hereby authorize the transfer of a campsite #SB-7B from Rick Carter to Shelton Tyler.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

The following resolution was introduced by Commissioner Dick Zeagler 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 hereby authorize the transfer of a campsite #SB-18A from Larry Ramo to Jarrette and Tina Trammell.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Mr. John Stringer gave updates on Bayou Bartholomew projects.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Sam Hodge, Department of Transportation and Development working on surveying the LA 4/ LA 133 project and also marking the boundaries on the 13 acres in Caldwell Parish TBLD purchased.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner gave a reminder of the Ethics and Sexual Harassment training after the meeting.

Mr. Matt Varnell thanked Sam Hodge and DOTD crew for assisting with the LA 4/LA133 project. He also advised they will start running cameras inspecting pipes this week.

Mr. Venoy Kinnaird announced the annual Pea Cooking will be after the October board meeting.

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