

TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
MARCH 10, 2020

The Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District met for its regular meeting Tuesday, March 10, 2020 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 and Mr. Jonathan Johnson, Ouachita Parish; Ms. Ramona N. Haire and Mr. Robert Neal Harwell, Richland Parish; Ms. Michelle Collum, West Carroll Parish; Mr. Dick Zeagler, LaSalle Parish. Absent: Mr. Venoy Kinnaird, Morehouse Parish; Mr. Ashley Peters, Franklin Parish.

Others in attendance were: Mr. Wayne Caldwell, Arkansas; Mr. Tim Jones, Franklin Parish; Mr. Dillan McIntosh, Department of Transportation and Development; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, 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.

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 sale of surplus equipment:

2008 John Deere 7330 Tractor VIN# 7656 Hours: 6,283

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

Mr. Tim Jones bid \$19,520.00  
Mr. Wayne Caldwell bid \$25,000.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Wayne Caldwell for \$25,000.00 for 2008 John Deere 7330 Tractor VIN# 7656 Hours: 6,283.

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

2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor VIN# 2992 Hours: 5,691

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

Mr. Tim Jones bid \$18,150.00  
Mr. Wayne Caldwell 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 Mr. Wayne Caldwell for \$20,000.00 for 2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor VIN# 2992 Hours: 5,691.

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

1986 Phelen Triple Axle 44ft Low Boy Trailer Serial# 0690

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

Mr. Shawn Deville bid \$4,500.00  
Mr. Marcus Evans bid \$7,100.00

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Marcus Evans for \$7,100.00 for 1986 Phelen Triple Axle 44ft Low Boy Trailer Serial# 0690.

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 February 11, 2020 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for February 2020.

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 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 #WBS-9 from Kayla Youngblood and Bryan Middleton to Larry and Anna Lofton.

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 approve continued payments to Louisiana Flood Insurance Reform Coalition Contribution of \$5000.00.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

President Drew Keahey discussed the CRP contracts that are up for renewal.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner discussed the condition of the Diversion Canal.

Mr. Brandon Waggoner advised the right-of-way for the five projects in Caldwell/ Ouachita parish are being finalized and should begin work in June.

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Mr. Matt Varnell advised the water is going down and they are pumping as needed.

Mr. Justin Holloway gave updates for Jonesville.

Mrs. Michelle Collum updated the board on the drainage issues in West Carroll parish.

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