

Fifth Louisiana Levee District
February 10, 2016

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, February 10, 2016, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners John David Frith, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, Jackie Varner and Pat Mabray answered roll call.

Visitors included Ryan McMillan and Sam Hodge from LA DOTD; Colonel John Cross, Rick Shelton, Edi Whittington, Pat Hemphill from USACE; and Mr. and Mrs. William Saul from Concordia Parish.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved January minutes on a motion by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Maxwell.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for January on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Mabray, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for January.

Board heard comments from Mr. William Saul concerning drainage issues in Concordia Parish. USACE is aware of issues mentioned and is will send a right-of-entry request to Levee District to address issue. No action taken at this time.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Bryant Hammett and Associates seeking permission to perform soil borings within 1500 feet of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Concordia Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Mabray, 2nd by Commissioner Varner.

The Board reviewed a permit request from Hatch Mott MacDonald seeking permission to horizontal direction drill within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee and Backwater Levee in Concordia Parish. On motion by Commissioner Frith 2nd by Commissioner Maxwell, Board approved permit request. No public comments were offered.

After hearing no public comments, the Board approved resolution supporting the passage of an emergency supplemental appropriations bill to repair flood damage to the Mississippi River Levees caused by 2016 flooding.

On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Varner, Board agreed to advertise for the purchase of new truck equivalent to the state contract and trade-in of Unit 429. No public comments were offered.

Board heard comments from Colonel John Cross. No action taken.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Varner 2nd by Commissioner Mabray.