

Fifth Louisiana Levee District November 11, 2020

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, November 11, 2020, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Hiram Copeland, John David Frith, Clark Hill, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, Jack Varner, and Pat Mabray answered roll call.

No visitors were in attendance.

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

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

Board reviewed Audit Report for FY ending June 30, 2020. Trichell discussed long term concerns of the rights-of-way acquired for levee projects being combined with assets on the financial statements. Board asked if auditor would be able to separate into a different account so it will not overstate the Levee District's financial position.

Due to cost of road grader, Board agreed to postpone purchase until after more tractors were purchased

Board received bids and awarded the contract to Denmon Engineering for the mapping and surveying for Levee Enlargement Project grouping referred to as Item 401-R in Tensas Parish. Motion was made to accept the lowest bid by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Varner. No public comments were offered.

Board awarded the recreational lease to the only bid for Swan Lake in East Carroll Parish. Lease was approved on motion by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Hill. No public comments were offered.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Terracon to perform four soil borings within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Concordia Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Hill. Approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

The Board considered a request from ERDC seeking permission to install fiber optic sensors within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee near the relief-wells associated with Item 329-R in Concordia Parish. After no public comments were offered, permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Mabray.

Board reviewed request from M. Rodrigue seeking permission to install a locked gate and cross fence on property within the project limits of Item 377-R in Concordia Parish. Due to concerns with the fence interfering with the contractor for the project, Board voted approval subject to the acceptance of Item 377-R by the Levee District from USACE. Motion was made by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Frith. No public comments were offered.

Hearing no public comments, Board agreed to advertise for the purchase of additional tractors. Motion was made by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Hill.

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

Reynold Minsky, President

Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.