

**Fifth Louisiana Levee District  
June 14, 2017**

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, June 14, 2017, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Clark Hill, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, Jack Varner, and Pat Mabray answered roll call.

Visitors included James Paxton, D.A., Johnny Crigler, Attorney; Rick Shelton, USACE; Bill Beasley and Jerry Jernigan, Concordia Parish, along with several others bidding on land.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved April minutes on a motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Maxwell.

**Old Business:**

President Minsky informed the Board that an agreement had been reached which would allow permanent access for Levee District property referred to as Swan Lake. No action needed.

**New Business:**

Commissioners considered a resolution to adopt the Levee District's 2017 tax millage for East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia parishes at 3.86 mills. After no public comments were offered, the resolution was approved by Commissioners Hill, Minsky, Kelly, Maxwell, Varner, and Mabray voting "yea".

Commissioners considered a resolution to adopt the Levee District's 2017 acreage tax for East Carroll, Madison, Tensas, and Concordia Parishes at five cents per acre. Motion passed with Commissioners Hill, Minsky, Kelly, Maxwell, and Varner voting "yea", Commissioner Mabray voting "no". No public comments were offered.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for April and May on motion by Commissioner Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mabray, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for April and May.

After hearing no public comments, Board received quotes submitted for Worker's Compensation Insurance for July 15, 2017-July 14, 2018. On motion by Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Kelly, Board elected to stay with existing plan.

Board received bids and awarded leases to the high bids on a motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill which included the following tracts: Tensas Tract awarded to Womack, Biegler Bayou awarded to L. Reeves, Cocodrie West awarded to Rawls Dupree, Cocodrie CRP awarded to Rawls Dupree, Cocodrie East awarded to Troy Thompson. No public comments were offered.

Board approved resolution to appropriate rights-of-way required for construction in conjunction with *Flood Control/Mississippi River and Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Bayou Vidal to Elk Ridge, Louisiana, Levee Enlargement and Berms, Item 416-R, Tensas Parish*, as shown on USACE Map. Commissioner Mabray abstained; remaining commissioners present voted YES.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, Board approved resolution giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning July 31, 2017, in conjunction with *Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Bayou Vidal to Elk Ridge, Item 414-R, Tensas Parish Louisiana*. Commissioner Mabray abstained from voting.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Entergy seeking permission to install underground line to Moon Properties in Madison Parish. All work will be within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Maxwell 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill. Approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, Hopkins Cattle Company was granted permission to install a cross fence and to graze cattle on the Mainline Mississippi River Levee at Oakland Plantation in Tensas Parish. No public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mabray, Richard Green was granted permission to install a cross fence and to graze cattle on the Mainline Mississippi River Levee near Item 365-R in Concordia Parish. Approval of locked gate is pending review. No public comments were offered.

Board heard comments from Mr. Beasley concerning a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Concordia Parish Police Jury in regards to a control structure to be installed in Concordia Parish. After reviewing the agreement, the Board voted to change the language and to allow President Minsky to enter the agreement once changes have been made. After hearing no public comments, a motion was made by Commissioner Maxwell and confirmed by Commissioner Varner.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill.