

Fifth Louisiana Levee District  
March 9, 2017

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Thursday, March 9, 2017, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:05 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Scott Tiffiee, John David Frith, Clark Hill, Barry Maxwell, and Jack Varner answered roll call.

Visitors included Rick Shelton, Daniel Sumrall, Max Tullos, Craig McRaney, Brian Jordan, Lanny Barfield, and Kent Parish, USACE; and Samuel Hodge, LA DOTD.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved February minutes on a motion by Commissioner Frith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill.

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

The Board received bids for the General Insurance for 2017-2018. On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, Board approved the low bid from Lensing, Lensing, Cunningham and Hager. No public comments were offered.

Board members reviewed the proposed FY 2017-2018 Fiscal Year Budget. After no public comments were offered, the Board adopted the proposed budget on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Maxwell.

On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, the Board approved the purchase of two clippers using the Louisiana State Contract, no public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiffiee, Board agreed to advertise for the position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1 and two temporary positions. No public comments were offered.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner, Board approved resolution giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning March 31, 2017, in conjunction with Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Item 411-R, Tensas Parish Louisiana.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiffiee, Board approved resolution giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning March 31, 2017, in conjunction with Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Item 407-R, Tensas Parish Louisiana.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Mid-State Construction seeking permission to construct a hunting lodge approximately 50 feet from the toe of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Madison Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Frith 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner. Approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, the Board approved permit request from Rabb Contracting seeking permission to build a 210' X210' pad approximately 250' from the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in order to drill an oil well and to excavate a 4' X50' X100' temporary pit to hold drilling mud in Concordia Parish. Approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Hill, Board approved request from Michael Pisani & Associates to install monitoring wells within 1500 ft from the toe of the Red River Backwater Levee in Tensas Parish. Approval is subject to USACE and DOTD review. No public comments were offered.

After discussions concerning the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition, President Minsky made a motion to contribute \$2,000. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner. No public comments were offered.

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

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Reynold Minsky, President

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Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.