



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, February 14, 2023 at 9:30 AM
505 District Drive Monroe, LA

MINUTES

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Call to Order

Roll Call

Mr. Drew Keahey, President, called the meeting to order and requested the Secretary call roll with the following present and answering:

PRESENT

Commissioner Mike Calloway
Commissioner Johnny Turner
Commissioner Ashley Peters
Commissioner Antwain Downs
President Drew Keahey
Vice President Rodney Hutchins
Commissioner Dick Zeagler
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

ABSENT

Commissioner Dustin Morris
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson
Commissioner Michelle Collum

Others in attendance were: Mr. Max Tullos, Corp of Engineer; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillan, Levee District Police.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

President Drew Keahey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Action

1. Minutes of January 10, 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Turner 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

January 10, 2023 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News Star.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

2. Bills for January 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Peters, Seconded by Commissioner Turner 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 January 2023.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

3. Advertise for Hunting Lease

-223 acres in Franklin Parish

-40 acres in Catahoula Parish

-77.16 acres in West Carroll Parish

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner 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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does authorize the President and Secretary to advertise the hunting lease for:

-223 acres in Franklin Parish

-40 acres in Catahoula Parish

-77.16 acres in West Carroll Parish

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., March 14, 2023 at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Courthouse, Rayville, La. and up until 9:30 A. M., March 14, 2023 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Authorize to add Michael McPherson to the Hunting Lease with Dean Sikes on the 120 acres in Catahoula Parish.

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Downs and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after Vice President Rodney Hutchins 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 to add Michael McPherson to the Hunting Lease with Dean Sikes on the 120 acres in Catahoula Parish.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

5. Executive Session to discuss personnel matters

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Zeagler and passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel matters.

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Turner and passed unanimously, to enter back into Regular Session.

President Drew Keahey advised no action was taken in Executive Session.

Presentations

Items for Discussion

Update on Levee Projects

Brandon Waggoner gave updates on the PL8499 6 locations that the USACE will begin work on in the next month.

Financial Statements

6. Review Financial Statements

Financial statements were reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment

Justin Holloway advised the river gauge is at 34.6 in Monroe.

Adjourn