

Fifth Louisiana Levee District
November, 10, 2015

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Tuesday, November 10, 2015, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Scott Tiffie, James Kelly, and Jack Varner answered roll call. Visitors included the Bill Beasley from Concordia Parish

Mr. Minsky advised that without a Board quorum, binding action could not be taken on agenda matters, but Board members present would consider items on the agenda and all actions by those present would be reconsidered and ratified or rescinded at the next scheduled Board meeting.

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

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

After no public comments were offered, on a motion by Commissioner Kelly, 2nd by Commissioner Varner, the Board received and awarded bid proposed by Bill Beasley swapping Levee District Land referred to as Turtle Lake for farmland also located in Concordia Parish.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Kelly, Board approved resolution giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning November 25, 2015, in conjunction with Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Item 377-R, Tensas and Concordia Parishes, Louisiana.

After no public comments were offered, on motion by Commissioner Tiffie, 2nd by Commissioner Kelly, the Board agreed to advertise the recreational lease of 12.584 acre tract located in Madison Parish with bids to be taken in the January 2016 meeting.

The Board reviewed a resolution increasing Commissioner's Per Diem to the current amount allowed. After no public comments were offered, Board approved resolution on Motion by Commissioner Kelly, 2nd by Commissioner Varner.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request to harvest hay from Dr. Keith Melancon in Madison Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Kelly.

The Board reviewed a permit request from Glen Brown seeking permission construct parallel fences, cross fences, and a cattle gap on property line near Panola Pepper Factory in East Carroll Parish. On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Tiffie, Board approved permit request. No public comments were offered.

The Board reviewed a permit request from Denbury Resources seeking permission to excavate an abandoned line crossing the Mainline Mississippi River Levee near Levee Station 7080+00 in Concordia Parish. Removal is required for construction of Item 374-R. After no public comments were offered, permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Tiffie. Approval is subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

After no public comments were offered, on motion by Commissioner Tiffie, 2nd by Commissioner Varner, the Board approved a permit request from Burns Cooley Dennis seeking permission to perform soil borings within 250 feet of the Backline Levee in Concordia Parish in order to begin plans for a control structure in Concordia Parish. Permit is pending USACE and DOTD approval.

The Board reviewed a permit request from Ford, Bacon, and Davis seeking permission to construct a foundation within 1500 feet from the toe of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Concordia Parish. On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Kelly, Board approved permit subject to USACE and DOTD approval. No public comments were offered.

After no public comments were offered, on motion by Commissioner Tiffie, 2nd by Commissioner Varner, the Board approved a permit request from CH2M seeking permission to proceed with their Corrosion Mitigation project within 1500 feet of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in East Carroll Parish. Approval granted subject to USACE and DOTD.

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