**REGULAR MEETING OF THE NORTHEAST LOUISIANA RAILROAD DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT**

**HELD ON NOVEMBER 6, 2023**

The Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District met in regular session on Monday, 6 November 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Police Jury office at 212 Hancock Street.

Commissioners Steve Weeks, President, Jamie Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, Taft Tucker, Russ Ratcliff, & Marshall Hardwick were present. Commissioners Karvan Powell, Vice President, Teddy Oliver, Jim Lensing, Rogers Leonard, were absent. Wyly Gilfoil, port/district director, Bryant Killen, deputy port/district director, were also present.

Mr. Weeks called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the board meeting held on September 21, 2023 were approved by a motion from Mr. Davis and second from Mr. Tucker.

Mr. Killen gave a financial statement to the board, which was approved on a motion by Mr. Davis and a second by Mr. Ratcliff.

Mr. Killen presented an update to the board regarding Lake Providence Port Commission’s Port Priority application to reconstruct the railroad south from Tallulah to Newellton, which was submitted on December 1 2022. Mr. Killen also updated the board regarding Tensas Parish Port, Harbor & Terminal District’s Port Priority application (Newellton-Waterproof) as well as the Vidalia Port Commission’s application (Waterproof-Vidalia) which will both be turned in on 12/1/23. Mr. Killen reviewed the plan regarding federal earmark requests, which will be jointly applied for. Mr. Killen reviewed appraisals of parcels from the KCS-CP exchange in Tallulah to the Madison/Tensas Parish line. Mr. Killen thoroughly went over the process of expropriation in which the board will consider if the landowner on the most northern parcel does not accept the offer for appraised value that has been approved to send out. A resolution to expropriate was passed with a motion by Mr. Tucker and a second by Mr. Hardwick, as the 30 day good faith window has closed without accepting appraised value offer. Project Reports were approved by a motion from Mr. Ratcliff and a second by Mr. Hardwick.

In Other Business, Mr. Killen requested that an agenda item be added (Resolution authorizing Chairman Weeks to execute check), which was accepted with a motion by Mr. Hardwick and a second by Mr. Ratcliff. A resolution authorizing Chairman Weeks to execute check to Madison Parish Clerk of Court for right of way expropriation was approved with a motion by Mr. Davis, and a second by Mr. Tucker. Other business was approved on a motion by Mr. Tucker and second by Mr. Hardwick.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Ratcliff and a second my Mr. Davis at 11:26 am.

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President

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Secretary Treasurer