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

**HELD ON FEBRUARY 8, 2023**

The Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District met in regular session on Wednesday, 8 June 2023 at 10:30 A.M. in the Police Jury office at 212 Hancock Street.

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

Mr. Killen called the meeting to order.

Minutes from the board meeting held on October 26, 2022 were approved by a motion from Mr. Davis and second from Mr. Oliver.

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. Election of the 9th Commissioner resulted in Rogers Leonard being selected for the seat. Mr. Killen further stated that a Capital Outlay request in the amount of $3,000,000 had been submitted for the purpose of ROW acquisition. Project Reports were approved by a motion from Mr. Tucker and a second by Mr. Davis.

In other business, Mr. Killen presented the board with a resolution to expropriate property south of Tallulah, if needed, in the efforts to reconstruct the railroad south. The resolution was approved with a motion by Mr. Oliver and second by Mr. Lensing, no opposition. Tensas State Bank (TSB) was selected as the financial institution on a motion by Mr. Hardwick and a second by Mr. Ratcliff. Other business was approved with a motion by Mr. Oliver and a second by Mr. Hardwick.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Lensing and a second my Mr. Ratcliff.

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President

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Secretary Treasurer