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

**HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2023**

The Northeast Louisiana Railroad Development District met in regular session on Thursday, 20 May 2023 at 11:00 A.M. in the Police Jury office at 212 Hancock Street.

Commissioners Steve Weeks, President, Jamie Davis, Secretary/Treasurer, Jim Lensing, Rogers Leonard, & Marshall Hardwick were present. Commissioners Karvan Powell, Vice President, Teddy Oliver, Taft Tucker, & Russ Ratcliff were 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 July 20, 2023 were approved by a motion from Mr. Davis and second from Mr. Lensing, pending correction of a clerical error made by Mr. Killen regarding a commissioner’s presence.

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

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 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. Project Reports were approved by a motion from Mr. Lensing and a second by Mr. Davis.

In Other Business, Mr. Killen gave an overview of how the reconstruction phases would take place. A resolution to apply for a $10,000,000 capital outlay request for right of way acquisition was approved with a motion by Mr. Leonard, and a second by Mr. Hardwick. Other business was approved on a motion by Mr. Lensing and second by Mr. Davis.

The meeting adjourned on a motion by Mr. Davis and a second my Mr. Hardwick at 11:55 am.

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President

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Secretary Treasurer