



# TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, March 08, 2022 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 Johnny Turner  
Commissioner Dustin Morris  
Commissioner Mike Calloway  
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson  
Commissioner Michelle Collum  
Commissioner Antwain Downs  
President Drew Keahey  
Vice President Rodney Hutchins  
Commissioner Dick Zeagler  
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Ashley Peters

Others in attendance were: Ms. Susan Douglas, DOTD; Mr. Dylan McIntosh, DOTD; Mr. Max Tullos, Corp of Engineer; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Assistant Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Maintenance Supervisor, 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

Motion made by Commissioner 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 hereby declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of February, 2022 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Hutchins 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 February 2022.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Morris, Seconded by Commissioner Downs 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 authorize the President Drew Keahey to sign the closing documents to purchase Ouachita Parish School Board property at Logtown School Rd.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

#### **Requests**

Motion was made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, and passed unanimously, to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel.

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

Motion made by Commissioner Keahey, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson 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 appoint Brandon Waggoner as Executive Director following the retirement of John Stringer.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

#### **Presentations**

#### **Items for Discussion**

#### **Update on Levee Projects**

Brandon Waggoner gave updates on Levee projects. Davis Lake Pump Station project is waiting for Fema and Lee Lane project hopefully will begin this summer.

#### **Financial Statements**

#### **Public Comment**

Susan Douglas announced they are nominating Brandon Waggoner for National Levee Safety Committee to develop the national guidelines.

Brandon Waggoner expresses appreciation for the promotion to Executive Director.

Drew Keahey announced that John Stringer will be retiring and the May 2022 will be his last board meeting.

Rodney Hutchins stated John Stringer the "King of the Levee Board" will be missed greatly.

Kenneth Wilson congratulated Brandon Waggoner and John Stringer.

Dick Zeagler also congratulated John Stringer for his service and Brandon Waggoner for his promotion.

#### **Adjourn**