



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, April 11, 2023, at 9:30 AM
505 District Drive Monroe, LA

MINUTES

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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 Mike Calloway
Commissioner Johnny Turner
Commissioner Antwain Downs
President Drew Keahey
Vice President Rodney Hutchins
Commissioner Dick Zeagler
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell
Commissioner Ashley Peters

ABSENT

Commissioner Michelle Collum
Commissioner Dustin Morris
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillin, Tensas Basin Levee District Police, Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Ms. Susan Douglas, LADOTD; Mr. Max Tullos, USACE.

Prayer

President Drew Keahey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Action

1. Minutes of the March 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Turner 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 March 14, 2023, is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News-Star.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

2. Bills for March 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Peters, 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for March 2023.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

3. Discuss and Authorize the investment of funds in the General Fund account.

Motion made by Commissioner Downs, Seconded by Commissioner Turner, 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 investment of funds in the general account at Caldwell Bank and Trust to be invested into CD Funds at Caldwell Bank and Trust, the Authorized Employees shall be Brandon Waggoner and Aundi Brown are hereby authorized to open said investment accounts and move funds to this account at Caldwell Bank and Trust.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Open Bidding for the new Tensas Basin Levee District Facility.

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, Seconded by Commissioner Harwell, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President 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 opening of bids for new TBLD facility to all licensed commercial contractors.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

5. Open Bidding for Surplus Equipment.

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President 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 opening of bids to all licensed commercial contractors. Tensas Basin Levee District will be accepting bids on these items via the Tensas Basin Levee District Website until May 9th 9:30am. The public may find a list of said items on the TBLD Website.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

6. Adding Aundi Brown as a signer to Caldwell Bank and Trust Accounts

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, Seconded by Commissioner Peters, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President 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 addition of Aundi Brown as a signer to the Tensas Basin Levee District bank accounts at Caldwell Bank and Trust.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

7. Discuss Joining the Lawsuit Against FEMA

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after President 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 hereby agrees to join the Attorney General’s office in the lawsuit against FEMA regarding flood insurance risk rating.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

8.Executive Session

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, 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 Board moved into Executive Session at 9:52 am on April 11, 2023.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

9. Amend the Agenda to Include notification of SEARK’s date of termination with the TBLD.

Motion made by Commissioner Harwell, 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 Board hereby states that they would like to Amend the Agenda for the April 11, 2023 Meeting to include authorization to notify SEARK of a June 30, 2023 Termination Date.

Aundi Brown
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Public Comments

Presentations

Financial Statements

9. Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

Items for Discussion

10. Tier 2 Financial Disclosure Statements Due by 5/15/23

Levee Updates

Brandon Waggoner advised that the Ouachita River is at 38.7 ft. as of 8am April 11, 2023. The Corp will be helping monitor flood control issues. He also made the board aware of a new slide issue at the Hamilton marina area in West Monroe.

PUBLIC NOTICE

President Keahey advises the Tensas Basin Levee District will hold an open meeting, Tuesday, May 9, 2023, at 9:30 A.M. at our offices at 505 District Drive, Monroe, LA to adopt the millage rate for 2023.

Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director
Tensas Basin Levee District
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318-323-1130

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 10:47 am.

Next Meeting May 9, 2023, 9:30am