



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

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

MINUTES

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NOTICE POSTED: May 3, 2023, at Tensas Basin Levee District Offices, 505 District Drive, Monroe, Louisiana.

Aundi Brown, Secretary

A public meeting will be held as follows:

DATE: May 9, 2023

TIME: 9:30 A. M.

PLACE OF MEETING: Tensas Basin Levee District, 505 District Drive, Monroe, Louisiana 71202-6862

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 Mike Calloway

Commissioner Johnny Turner

Commissioner Ashley Peters

President Drew Keahey

Vice President Rodney Hutchins

Commissioner Dick Zeagler

Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

ABSENT

Commissioner Dustin Morris

Commissioner Kenneth Wilson

Commissioner Antwain Downs

Commissioner Michelle Collum

Others in attendance were Mrs. Becky Keahey, Caldwell Parish, LA; Mr. Dusty Tillman, Monroe, LA; Mr. Dylan McIntosh, DOTD; Mr. Max Tullos, Corp of Engineer; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Ms. Susan Douglas, DOTD; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillan, Tensas Basin Levee District Police Captain.

Prayer

Pledge of Allegiance

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

Public Comment on Agenda Items

Action

Opening of Bids on Surplus equipment

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 Drew Keahey called for public comments and there were none, to wit:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised the sale of surplus equipment by posting it on the Tensas Basin Levee District Website to be viewed by the public:

WHEREAS the time has arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened, and read aloud:

Lot# 1 2014 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN # 1GNSK2E0XER177530 Asset# P059

Bids: Brittney Griggs of Monroe, LA bid \$12,200.00

Dusty Tillman of Monroe, LA bid, \$7,010.00

The Town of Clarks bid \$17,000.00

Lot# 2 2014 Ford F-250 VIN# 1FT7X2B66EEA22540 Asset# M197

Bids: Martin West of West Monroe, bid \$4400.00

Dusty Tillman of Monroe, bid \$4525.00

John Croswell bid \$2550.00

Brittney Griggs of Monroe bid \$8,500.00

Lots 3, 4, & 29 were removed from the auction.

Lot# 5 2006 John Deere 7420 Tractor with a push blade Asset# M153 & M154A

Bids: John Croswell bid \$13,850.00

Franky & Gary Steele bid \$26,003.00.

Lot# 6 2009 15' Bush Hog 540 RPM Asset # J088

Bids: John Croswell bid \$2,050.00

Lot# 7 Lot 6, 2015 15' Bush Hog 1000 RPM Asset #J117

Bids: Joshua Croswell bid \$170.60

Lot# 8 1997 Tandem Axle Trailer (broken frame) w/ fuel tank. Asset# N/A

Lot# 9 2015 C&H Distributors Wire Cage Panels. Asset# M237

Lot# 10 7 Misc. Ford Bumpers

Bids: Brittney Griggs \$700.00

Lot# 17 1995 Gooseneck Trailer

Bids: Brittney Griggs bid \$2,100.00

Dusty Tillman bid \$2550.00.

Doug George bid \$3500.00

John Croswell bid \$1875.00

Lot# 18 Pallet of Various Generators and Water Pumps

Bids: Josh Cornwell bid \$150.00

Martin West bid \$170.00

Lot# 19 Gas Heater & Pressure Washer

Bid: Josh Cornwell \$150.60

Lot# 20 2017 Ford Expedition VIN# 1FMJU1GT5HEA09589 Asset #

Bids: Martin West bid \$7800.00

Dusty Tillman \$9,510.00

Brittney Griggs \$15,200.00

Lot# 21 Rhino Tractor Blade Asset# M031

Bids: John Croswell bid \$401.00

Conrad Linton bid \$505.00.

Lot# 22 Lot of Assorted Light Fixtures

Bids: Jeff Williams bid \$111.11

Lot# 24 17 Michelin Tires 245/75R17

Bids: Nathan Roark bid \$600.00

Martin West bid \$240.00

Doug George bid \$150.00

Lot# 25 Engine Stand/Engine Lift/Auger Stand

Bids: Conrad Linton bid \$205.00

Brittney Griggs bid \$700.00.

John Croswell bid \$101.00

Lot# 26 200 Gallon Tractor Spray Rig

Bids: John Croswell bid \$101.00

Nathan Roark bid \$300.00

Lot# 27 Utility Trailer

Bids: Doug George bid \$975.00
Jody Williams bid \$400.00
Josh Cornwell bid \$950.00
Martin West bid \$230.00
Dusty Tillman bid \$520.00

Lot# 28 2008 Schutt Army Cargo Trailer Asset # M238
Bids: Martin West bid \$280.00

Lot# 30 2011 Chevrolet Tahoe VIN# 1GNSK2EO1BR147490 Asset # P047
Bids: Dusty Tillman bid \$6,010.00
Brittney Griggs bid \$10,200.00

Lot # 31 2 Bins of Scrap Iron
Bids: Josh Cornwell bid \$156.00

Lots 11,12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, & 32 RECEIVED NO BIDS.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept the following bids: The Town of Clarks totaling \$17,000.00 for Lot 1. Brittney Griggs, totaling \$8,500.00 for Lot 2. Franky & Gary Steele totaling \$26,003.00, for lot 5, John Croswell totaling \$2050.00 for lot 6, Joshua Croswell totaling \$170.60 for Lot 7, Jody Williams totaling \$300.00 for Lot 8, Doug George totaling \$250.00 for lot 9, Brittney Griggs totaling \$700.00 for lot 10, Doug George totaling \$3,500.00 for lot 17, Martin West totaling \$170.00 for lot 18, Josh Cornwell \$150.60 for lot 19, Brittney Griggs totaling \$15,200.00 for Lot 20, Conrad Linton totaling \$ 505.00 for lot 21, Jeff Williams totaling \$111.11 for lot 22, Nathan Roark totaling \$600.00 for lot 24, Brittney Griggs totaling \$700.00 for lot 25, Nathan Roark totaling \$300.00 for lot 26, Josh Cornwell totaling \$950.00 for lot 27, Martin West totaling \$280.00 for lot 28, Brittney Griggs totaling \$10,200.00 for lot 30, Josh Cornwell totaling \$156.00 for lot 31. All bids are for surplus equipment.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

2. Minutes of the April 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, 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 April 11, 2023, is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News-Star.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

3. Bills for April 2023

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

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Advertise for Bids for Fuel

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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids as follows:

Fuel

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 9:30 A. M., June 13, 2023, at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

5. Advertise for Bids for Official Journal

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, Seconded by Commissioner Peters 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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids as follows:

Official Journal

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Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

6. Adopt Millage Rate for 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Vice President 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

BE IT RESOLVED that the following millage is hereby levied on the 2023 tax roll on all property subject to taxation by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District:

MILLAGE:

Tensas Basin Levee District

4.71 Millage

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the proper administrative officials of the Parishes of Caldwell, Catahoula, Franklin, LaSalle, Morehouse, Ouachita, Richland and West Carroll, State of Louisiana, be and they are hereby empowered, authorized, and directed to spread said taxes, as hereinabove set forth upon the assessment roll of said Parishes for the year 2023, and to make the collection of the taxes imposed for and on behalf of the taxing authority, according to law, and that the taxes herein levied shall become a permanent lien and privilege on all property subject to taxation as herein set forth, and collection thereof shall be enforceable in the manner provided by law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: Calloway, Keahey, Hutchins, Turner, Peters, Harwell, Zeagler

NAYS: 0

ABSTAINED: 0

ABSENT: Downs, Collum, Morris, Wilson

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

7. Tew Lake

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, 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 to draft of a resolution and agreement to allow Tew Lake structures to be maintained by the Catahoula Parish Police Jury and this matter will be revisited for adoption at June Board Meeting.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

8. Remove SEARK Assets from the Inventory

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 authorize the TBLD staff to remove all SEARK Assets from our books before June 30th separation date.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

9. Hay Contracts

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Vice President 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 authorize the TBLD Maintenance Dept. to offer the option of Hay Contracts to landowners. This matter is to be revisited at a later board meeting.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

10. Moving to Online Auctions

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Harwell , 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

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tensas Basin Levee District will offer the option of online auctions for all upcoming sales of surplus equipment and materials going forward.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

11. Re-advertising Bids for 3 vehicles

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District to Re-advertise the 3 vehicles pulled from the 5-10-2023 auction.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

Presentations

Items for Discussion

Update on Levee Projects

Brandon Waggoner gave updates on levee projects at Lee Lane and discussed the removal of trees along the levee in Caldwell Parish.

Financial Statements

Review Financial Statement

Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment

Adjourn

Meeting Adjourned 5-10-2023 10:36 am.

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