



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, June 14, 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 Mike Calloway
Commissioner Johnny Turner
Commissioner Dustin Morris
Commissioner Antwain Downs
President Drew Keahey
Vice President Rodney Hutchins
Commissioner Dick Zeagler
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

ABSENT

Commissioner Ashley Peters
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson
Commissioner Michelle Collum

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. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillan, 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

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 for the official journal for fiscal year 2022-2023.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bid was received, opened and read aloud:

Richland Beacon News bid \$4.80 per column inch being one column wide by one inch tall.

The News Star bid \$3.36 per column inch being one column wide by one inch tall.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of The News Star of \$3.36 per one column wide by one inch tall.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 for furnishing of road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline commencing July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 for Monroe, Louisiana and Jonesville, Louisiana areas.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids the following bid was received opened and read aloud:

McCartney Oil Co., P. O. Box 656, Jonesville, La. 71343 bid \$.11 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for unleaded regular gasoline, off road use diesel fuel and road use diesel for Jonesville, La. and Monroe, La

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of McCartney Oil and Supply of \$.11 per gallon above OPIS Daily Index for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded regular gasoline.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for furnishing of road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline commencing July 01, 2022 and ending June 30, 2023 for Arkansas City, Arkansas areas.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids the following bid was received opened and read aloud:

No Bids where received

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does not accept any bid for road diesel fuel, off road diesel fuel and unleaded regular gasoline for Arkansas City, Arkansas.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of May 10, 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 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 approve all bills approved by the claims committee for May 2022.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

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 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 authorize the President and Secretary to advertise the hunting lease for:

-31.66 acres West Carroll Parish

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., July 12, 2022 at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, P. O. Box 68, Rayville, La. 71269 and 708 Julia Street, Suite 101B, Courthouse, Rayville, La. and up until 10:30 A. M., July 12, 2022 at 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

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:

REVENUES:	2021-2022	AMEND	FINAL BUDGET
Ad Valorem Taxes	6,000,000.00	200,000.00	6,200,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	80,000.00	47,000.00	127,000.00
State Funds	0.00	1,850,000.00	1,850,000.00
Interest	200,000.00	-70,000.00	130,000.00
Royalties and Leases	200,000.00	13,000.00	213,000.00
Investments	-210,000.00		-210,000.00
Intergovernmental	900,000.00	100,000.00	1,000,000.00
Miscellaneous	125,000.00	-100,000.00	25,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	7,295,000.00	2,040,000.00	9,335,000.00
EXPENDITURES:			
Personnel Services	3,700,000.00	-100,000.00	3,600,000.00
Travel	30,000.00	-19,000.00	11,000.00
Operating Services	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
Supplies	300,000.00	-20,000.00	280,000.00
Professional	45,000.00	25,000.00	70,000.00
Capital Outlay	4,738,500.00		4,738,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,813,500.00	-114,000.00	9,699,500.00
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures	(2,518,500.00)	1,926,000.00	(364,500.00)
Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year	4,893,664.00		4,893,664.00
Fund Balance, End of Year	2,375,164.00	2,154,000.00	4,529,164.00

Total revenues estimated at \$9,335,000.00. Fund balance at beginning of year estimated at \$4,893,664.00 making total revenues of \$14,228,664.00 with expenditures estimated at \$9,699,500.00 leaving an unobligated estimated fund balance of \$4,529,164.00

Purchase of fixed assets is set at \$4,738,500.00 with \$4,000,000.00 being set for capital improvements to levees and/or flood fight.

Fund balance is estimated to decrease to approximately \$1,263,580.00 due to levee improvements/repairs/flood fight and purchase of capital items. If the \$4,000,000.00 is not spent during 2021-22, there should be a fund balance at year's end of \$5,263,580.00.

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Morris 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:

BUDGET
2022-2023

REVENUES:	
Ad Valorem Taxes	6,000,000.00
State Revenue Sharing	125,000.00
Interest	200,000.00
Royalties and Leases	200,000.00
Investments	-210,000.00
Intergovernmental	800,000.00
Miscellaneous	125,000.00
TOTAL REVENUES:	7,240,000.00
EXPENDITURES:	
Personal Services	3,700,000.00
Travel	30,000.00
Operating Services	1,066,000.00
Supplies	320,000.00
Professional	50,000.00
Capital Outlay	4,738,500.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES	9,904,500.00
Excess (Deficiency) Of Revenues Over Expenditures	(2,664,500.00)
Fund Balance, Beginning Of Year	6,849,494.00
Fund Balance, End of Year	4,184,994.00

Total revenues estimated at \$7,240,000.00. Fund balance at beginning of year estimated at \$6,849,494.00 making total revenues of \$14,089,494.00 with expenditures estimated at \$9,904,500.00 leaving an unobligated estimated fund balance of \$4,184,994.00. Purchase of fixed assets is set at \$4,738,500.00 with \$4,189,400.00 being set for capital improvements to levees and/or flood fight. Fund balance is estimated to decrease to approximately \$4,000,000.00 due to levee improvements/repairs//flood fight and purchase of capital items. If the \$4,189,400.00 is not spent during 2022-23, there should be a fund balance at year's end of \$8,374,394.00.

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

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize Matt Varnell, Administrative Director to be added as an online user for Tensas Basin Levee District on the Checking account ending in 5223 at Caldwell Bank and Trust Company, Columbia, Louisiana. This authorization includes all banking duties, internet banking and transfers.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Morris 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 transfer of a campsite #BHB-6 from Brandon Deville to Dalton James Belgard.

Naomi Eppinette
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Presentations

Items for Discussion

Update on Levee Projects

Brandon Waggoner stated the Papermill Pump Station project bids will be open at next meeting. He gave updates on PL8499 projects.

Financial Statements

Public Comment

Matt Varnell thanked the board for the promotion to Administrative Director.

Justin Holloway gave updates on mowing crews, round one is complete and they will be beginning round two of mowing levees.

Brandon Waggoner stated we had a tractor fire on a 2018 John Deere tractor. Insurance has been filed and waiting for repairs.

Adjourn