



**TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, July 11, 2023, at 9:30 AM  
505 District Drive Monroe, LA**

## **MINUTES**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, individuals needing special accommodations during this meeting should notify the Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners at 318-323-11:30 at least three working days before the meeting.

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### **Roll Call**

Mr. Drew Keahey, the 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 Kenneth Wilson

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Michelle Collum  
Commissioner Dustin Morris  
Commissioner Ashley Peters

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. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Ms. Susan Douglas, DOTD Mr. Dylan McIntosh DOTD.

### **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 June 2023 Meeting**

Motion made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 13, 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 June 2023

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 financial committee for June 2023.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## Open Bids for 43 Acre Farming Lease in Franklin Parish

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised the opening of bidding for 43 Acres in Franklin Parish 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:

No Bids were received.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby choose to re-open the bidding of this farm lease in the fall.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## 4. Amend Budget FY 2022-2023

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to amend the budget in August.

### RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby declare that the Amending of the Budget for FY 2022-2023 will be moved to the August Meeting. This action was approved by the Legislative Auditor.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## Award Bid for Rock Job

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, seconded by Commissioner Wilson, to open the bids made on the rock spreading job on the east bank of the Ouachita River. WHEREAS the time has arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened, and read aloud:

T & L Dirt Work License No. 38412 Bid: \$97,400.00

Womack & Sons Construction Group, LLC License No. 54928 Bid: \$117,400.00

W.L. Bass Construction, Inc. License No. 49239 Bid: \$251,862.00

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept the bid of T & L Dirt Work of \$97,400.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**6. Columbia Pump Station Project**

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 the Columbia Pump Station Project for capital outlay projects in 2023-2024.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**7. Opening of Bids for the Logtown location of New TBLD.**

Motion made by Commissioner Downs, 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 this phase of the new Tensas Basin Levee District Facility, pending a survey from the State archaeologist group.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**Requests**

**8. Re-open Bidding for Official Journal**

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, Seconded by Commissioner Calloway, 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 re-opening of bidding for The Official Journal of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## 9. Surplus Vehicle Sale

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 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 sale of Asset Numbers M187, J127, & M232 to Caldwell Parish Police Jury for a total of \$45,000.00. This is a fair market value offer according to Kelly Blue book.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## 10. Observation Deck

No Action was made on this item at this time. Move to August Agenda.

## 11. Transfer Campsite Leases

Campsite JB-4B – Transferring from Jeromie Chad Smith to Larry E. Jameson. Jr. Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District.

Campsite BHB-1B transferring from Mark & Bryan Belgard to Michael Shields Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, 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 Board approved Campsite JB-4B – Transferring from Jeromie Chad Smith to Larry E. Jameson. Jr., and Campsite BHB-1B Transferring from Mark & Bryan Belgard to Michael Shields.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## Public Comments

### Presentations

### Financial Statements

12.. Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

### Items for Discussion

### Levee Updates

### Adjourn

The meeting was Adjourned at 10:32 am.

Next Meeting September 12, 2023, 9:30 am