



# TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, July 12, 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  
President Drew Keahey  
Vice President Rodney Hutchins  
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson  
Commissioner Dick Zeagler  
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell  
Commissioner Michelle Collum

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Johnny Turner  
Commissioner Dustin Morris  
Commissioner Ashley Peters  
Commissioner Antwain Downs

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. Jason McMillin, Police Captain; Mr. Eric Little, Levee District Police; Tensas Basin Levee District Student workers; Mr. Rhett George, Mr. Tyler Thomas, Mr. Preston Creel.

### 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 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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for surface leasing for five year period for hunting purposes the following:

West Carroll Parish: Section 12, Township 23 North, Range 10 East containing 31.66 acres +/-

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

Mr. Gary Townsend, Oak Grove, LA bid \$11.00 per acre per year for a five-year period

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Mr. Gary Townsend, Oak Grove, LA bid \$11.00per acre per year for a five-year period.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Harwell, Seconded by Commissioner Calloway 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 did authorize the Secretary and President to advertise for bids for Paper Mill Station repairs in Ouachita Parish, LA.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED sealed bids were received, opened and read aloud by Volkert Engineering, 114 Venable Lane, Monroe, Louisiana at Tensas Basin Levee District office, 505 District Drive, Monroe, Louisiana, at 2:00 P. M., June 14, 2022, as follows:

Dixie Overland Construction LLC bid \$717,000.00  
Womack & Sons Construction Group, Inc. bid \$875,196.00.  
Don M Barron Contractor Inc bid \$852,725.00

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that under the recommendation of Volkert Engineering, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District hereby accepts the bid of Dixie Overland Construction LLC, Sibley, La. in the amount of \$717,000.00.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 June 14, 2022 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News Star.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, 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 hereby approve all bills approved by the claims committee for June 2022.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

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

Fuel for Arkansas City, AR

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 7:30 A. M., August 9, 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 9:30 A. M., August 9, 2022 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.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## Requests

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

WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the commission by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and

WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be presented to the Commission's auditor at the beginning of the audit which is anticipated to begin in July, 2022 and

WHEREAS, the questionnaire has been completed and is now hereby presented for adoption; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tensas Basin Levee District Commissioners, in due, legal and regular session convened hereby accepts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented and accepts full responsibility for the Commission's compliance with the laws and regulations addresses by the questionnaire.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions; items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

Motion made by Commissioner Wilson, 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 authorize Brandon Waggoner to petition Louisiana Civil Service for a special entrance rate of \$15.00 per hour for Mobile Operator 2 position and \$19.00 per hour for Mobile Operator 1-Heavy position.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

#### **Presentations**

#### **Items for Discussion**

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

Brandon Waggoner gave updates on PL8499 projects. Lee Lane is on hold for permit approval from the CORP.

#### **Financial Statements**

#### **Public Comment**

Jason McMillin introduced Eric Little as the new Investigator for Jonesville.

Drew Keahey presented the ORVA convention packet.

#### **Adjourn**