



**TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT  
REGULAR MEETING  
Board of Commissioners  
Tuesday, August 8, 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 Johnny Turner  
Commissioner Antwain Downs  
President Drew Keahey  
Vice President Rodney Hutchins  
Commissioner Dick Zeagler  
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

#### **ABSENT**

Commissioner Michelle Collum  
Commissioner Mike Calloway  
Commissioner Dustin Morris  
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson  
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 July 2023 Meeting**

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, 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 July 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 July 2023

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, 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 paying of all bills reviewed & approved by the financial committee for July 2023.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## Amending the 2022-2023 Budget

WHEREAS the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District have reviewed the submitted Amended Budget for 2022-2023, and after reviewing has held a vote to approve said budget:

Motion made By Commissioner Zeagler, seconded by Commissioner Harwell, and passed unanimously by the Board of the 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 amended budget for 2022-2023 fiscal year.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## 4. Official Journal Bids

Motion made by Commissioner Downs, seconded by Commissioner Turner, to accept the bid from The News Star for the fiscal year of 2023-2024.

### RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept the bid of \$3.36 per column inch for 10-column Legal Display Ads, .24 per line for 10 Column Legal Line Ads, \$13.29 for Affidavits.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## 5. Change Order 1 for Lee Lane

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, seconded by Commissioner Zeagler, concerning the acceptance of Change Order 1 regarding the Lee Lane Levee Setback project. This change order states that the project is complete and came in under budget with an excess of \$3,210.94.

RESOLUTION

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept Change Order 1 on the Lee Lane Levee Setback.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**6. Phase 1 Survey for the Logtown Property.**

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 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 a Phase 1 survey to be conducted on the Logtown Road property that will house the new Tensas Basin Levee District Facility.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**7. Donate.**

Motion made by Commissioner Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Downs, 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 donation of surplus police lights and equipment to Catahoula Parish Sheriff's Department.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

**Requests**

**8. Begin Accepting Credit Cards/AFT Payments for TBLD Leases**

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, Seconded by Commissioner Hutchins, 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 acceptance of Credit Card/AFT payments for land leases and campsites.

Aundi Brown  
Interim Secretary

Drew Keahey  
President

## **9. Late Fees on Leases**

Motion made by Commissioner Turner Seconded by Commissioner Downs, 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 practice of charging a \$250 late fee on all leases.

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 10:09 a.m.

Next Meeting September 12, 2023, 9:30 a.m.