



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT
REGULAR MEETING
Board of Commissioners
Tuesday, November 14, 2023, at 10:30 AM
505 District Drive Monroe, LA

MINUTES

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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 Dustin Morris
Commissioner Antwain Downs
President Drew Keahey
Vice President Rodney Hutchins
Commissioner Dick Zeagler
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell
Commissioner Ashley Peters
Commissioner Johnny Turner

ABSENT

Commissioner Michelle Collum
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson

Others in attendance were Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, of Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, of Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Dylan McIntosh, DOTD. Mr. Michael Street Attorney for Tensas Basin Levee District.

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 September 2023 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Moris, 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 at this moment declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of October 10, 2023, is at this moment dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News-Star.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

2. Bills for October 2023

Motion made by Commissioner Peters, 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 paying of all bills reviewed and approved by the financial committee for October 2023.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

3. Davis Lake Pump Station

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Downs, 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 now agree to wait for additional information from the Caldwell Parish FOIA Request to be submitted per the request made by TBLD to the Caldwell Parish Police Jury before pursuing additional actions on this project. The project has been held up since April 2023 due to Caldwell Parish's refusal to issue a permit for electricity.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Insurance Proposals

Mr. Waggoner stated that both Vendors sent in proposals, but due to differences in the type of quotes in these proposals, and the late date they were received TBLD staff has not had sufficient time to review and compare the proposals to provide information to the Board regarding options for our Liability Insurance for 2024. We would like to ask each vendor to resubmit a quote with specific guidelines with a deadline of December 5, 2023, and For the TBLD Board of Commissioners to vote on said quotes made at the January 2024 meeting.

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, and seconded by Commissioner Harwell, to choose the TBLD 2024 Liability Insurance provider at the January 9, 2023, Board Meeting.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby approve moving forward with requesting each insurance vendor to resubmit a quote with specific guidelines with a deadline of December 5, 2023, and For the TBLD Board of Commissioners to vote on said quotes made at the January 2024 meeting, and agree to renew the current insurance for 1 month through January 31, 2024.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

5. Approve Transfer of Campsite SB-8 from Wooten to Jenkins

Current Campsite Holder Matthew Wooten has requested to transfer his Campsite Lease for Campsite SB-8 to Joshua Jenkins A motion was made by Vice President Hutchins & seconded by Commissioner Peters to Transfer Campsite SB-8 from Wooten to Jenkins Effective January 2024. TBLD has no objection to the transfer.

RESOLUTION

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED TBLD has no objection to the transfer. that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby approve the Transfer of the Campsite from Wooten to Jenkins.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Public Comments

Presentations

Financial Statements

Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

Items for Discussion

Levee Updates

The rock job is complete south of Monroe and the Levee crews were able to extend it to 48 miles total. Davis Lake Project is on hold. Parham's ROW Project is complete. Paper Mill Pump Station upgrades are complete. TBLD will 8 new Projects start in 2024-2025.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 11:01 a.m.

Next Meeting January 9, 2024