



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, May 13, 2025, at 9:30 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

President Drew Keahey

Vice President Rodney Hutchins

Commissioner Dick Zeagler

Commissioner Mike Calloway

Commissioner Ashley Peters

Commissioner Scott Mathews

Commissioner Michael Costello

Commissioner Dustin Morris

ABSENT

Commissioner Kenneth Wilson

Commissioner Harris Brown

Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

Others in attendance were Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director of Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent of Tensas Basin Levee District; Aundi Brown, Board Secretary of Tensas Basin Levee District; Jordan Girtman of Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney for Tensas Basin Levee District, Max Tullos USACE, Susan Douglas.

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 April 2025 Meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Costello, 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 April 2025 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 April 2024

A motion made by Commissioner Peters, 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 hereby approves the payment of all bills and statements reviewed and approved by the Financial Committee for April 2025.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

3. Vote to Adopt Millage Rate of 4.59 for 2025

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tensas Basin Levee District of the Parishes of Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, West Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Franklin, and LaSalle, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 13, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the following **adjusted** millage rates be and they are hereby levied upon the dollar of the assessed valuation of all property subject to ad valorem taxation within said Parishes for the year 2025, for the purpose of raising revenue:

MILLAGE

Levee Maintenance and Repairs

4.59 mills

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parish of Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, West Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Franklin, and LaSalle, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parishes shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full, the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by the following votes:

YEAS: 8- Keahey, Hutchins, Mathews, Zeagler, Costello, Peters, Morris, Calloway

NAYS:0

ABSTAINED:0

ABSENT: 3 Brown, Harwell, Wilson

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Vote to Roll Forward to the Previous Year's Millage Rate of 4.71.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tensas Basin Levee District of the Parishes of Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, West Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Franklin, and LaSalle, Louisiana, in a public meeting held on May 13, 2025, which meeting was conducted in accordance with the Open Meetings Law and the additional requirements of Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B), that the taxing district voted to increase the millage rate(s), but not in excess of the prior year's maximum rate(s), on all taxable property shown on the official assessment roll for the year 2025, and when collected, the revenues from said taxes shall be used only for the specific purposes for which said taxes have been levied. Said millage rate(s) are:

	<u>Adjusted Rate</u>	<u>2025 Levy</u>
Levee Maintenance and Repairs	<u>4.59 mills</u>	<u>4.71 mills</u>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Assessor of the Parishes of Ouachita, Caldwell, Catahoula, West Carroll, Richland, Morehouse, Franklin, and LaSalle, shall extend upon the assessment roll for the year 2025 the taxes herein levied, and the tax collector of said Parishes shall collect and remit the same to said taxing authority in accordance with law.

The foregoing resolution was read in full; the roll was called on the adoption thereof, and the resolution was adopted by no less than two-thirds of the total membership of the taxing authority voting in favor as required by Article VII, Section 23(C) of the Louisiana Constitution and R.S. 47:1705(B). The votes were:

YEAS: 8- Keahey, Hutchins, Mathews, Zeagler, Costello, Peters, Morris, Calloway

NAYS:0

ABSTAINED:0

ABSENT: 3 Brown, Harwell, Wilson

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

5. Vote to Advertise for Bids for the TBLD Fuel Contract for 2025-2026

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 Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners approves to advertise for bids for the 2025-2026 Fuel Contract for TBLD.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

6. Vote to Advertise for Bids for the TBLD Official Journal Contract for 2025-2026

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Costello, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners approves to advertise for bids for the 2025-2026 Fuel Contract for TBLD.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

7. Update on CURRENT program

NO BOARD ACTION

8. Transfer Campsite Lease LL-20 from James Ryder to Daniel Baglio.

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Costello, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners approves to transfer campsite Lease LL-20 from James Ryder to Daniel Baglio.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

9. Transfer Campsite Lease SB-9B from Chris Guillot to Brian C. Daigre

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Costello, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners approves to transfer campsite Lease SB-9B from Chris Guillot to Brian C. Daigre.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

10. Vote to Adopt 2025-2026 Budget

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Peters, 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 Tensas Basin Levee District Board of Commissioners approves the submitted budgets for 2025-2026 year.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

Presentations

Items for Discussion

NOAA predictions on river levels were off by 7-8 feet in most locations. They sent out a message apologizing for any issues it may have caused and asked to collaborate with TBLD on future predictions. The USACE provided additional data to aid in planning for potential flooding.

Updates on Levee Projects

Financial Statements

11. Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment

Levee Projects

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Next Meeting June 10th, 2025, 9:30am