



TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, July 8, 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 Scott Mathews

Commissioner Dustin Morris

Commissioner Harris Brown

Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

Commissioner Mike Calloway

Commissioner Michael Costello

ABSENT

Commissioner Ashley Peters

Commissioner Kenneth Wilson

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, Karen Smith, Emma Hanemann, Paul Harper, Justin Cromwell, Debbie Gibson, Johnette Hanemann of Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney for Tensas Basin Levee District, Max Tullos USACE, Susan Douglas, and Ash Mohammad DOTD. The Cromwell family (award presentation)

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 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 June 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 June 2024

A motion made by Commissioner Calloway, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 June 2025.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

3. Approve a Resolution to explore the option of moving to OGB for Employee Benefits.

A motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, seconded by Commissioner Mathews, 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 exploring the option of moving to OGB for Employee Benefits.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

4. Advertise for Bids on 44.7-acre Lease in Franklin Parish

A motion made by Commissioner Brown, 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 hereby approves placing the Lease in Franklin Parish, totaling 44.7 acres, out for bid.

Aundi Brown
Secretary

Drew Keahey
President

Requests

Presentations

Executive Director Brandon Waggoner presented Captain Justin Cromwell with the Life Saving Award for his heroic efforts in jumping into the Ouachita River on March 13, 2025, to save a civilian who had jumped from the Louisville Bridge. Captain Cromwell swam to the victim and brought her back to shore.

Items for Discussion

The USACE is preparing to initiate \$ 40-45 million in projects located just south of Ouachita Parish. The Ouachita River has been designated as a National Marine Highway. This will result in increased funding for projects going forward.

ORVA Convention in Hot Springs, August 14 & 15, 2025.

Work Continues on Davis Lake Pump Station Project.

Sicily Island Levee Slides are waiting on bids to come in for the project to be awarded.

Financial Statements

8. Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed.

Public Comment

Levee Projects.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 9:53 am.

Next Meeting August 12th, 2025, 9:30am