

Fifth Louisiana Levee District April 14, 2021

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, April 14, 2021, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Hiram Copeland, Clark Hill, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, and Pat Mabray answered roll call.

Visitors included Max Tullos, USACE.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved March minutes on a motion by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Kelly.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for March on motion by Commissioner Mabray, 2nd by Commissioner Hill, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for same time period.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Mabray, 2nd by Commissioner Maxwell, the Board approved resolution giving USACE, New Orleans District rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, to conduct surveys, soil, and borrow borings, environmental and cultural investigations, and hazardous, toxic, and radioactive waste investigations in connection on the West Bank of the Mississippi River from Station 0+00 to 181+00 in Concordia Parish for a two-year period beginning May 1, 2021, subject to proper notification of landowners.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Kelly, 2nd by Commissioner Hill, Board approved resolutions giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning May 1, 2021, in conjunction with Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, Item 411-R and 409-R in Tensas Parish and 366-R in Concordia Parish, Louisiana.

The Board considered a request from Entergy seeking permission to remove and replace existing powerline within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee as a result of with Item 388-R in Tensas Parish. After no public comments were offered, permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Mabray. Approval is subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

The Board considered a request from Entergy seeking permission remove existing power pole within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee as a result of with Item 388-R in Tensas Parish. After no public comments were offered, permit was approved on motion by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Copeland. Approval is subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Burns Cooley Dennis to perform soil borings within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Concordia Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Copeland, 2nd by Commissioner Hill. Approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval.

On motion by Commissioner Copeland, 2nd by Commissioner Hill, Board approved request from Cecil Parker to harvest hay in Concordia Parish on land known as Sharp Estate. No public comments were offered.

The Board considered a request from Brendan Womack seeking permission to install a locked gate, cattle guard, and to graze cattle on the Mainline Mississippi River Levee near Lake St. John in Concordia Parish. Request was approved on motion by Commissioner Hill, 2nd by Commissioner Mabray. No public comments were offered.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Mabray.

Reynold Minsky, President

Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.