

Fifth Louisiana Levee District
September 12, 2018

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, September 12, 2018, 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, John David Frith, Clark Hill, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, and Jack Varner answered roll call.

Visitors included Rick Shelton and Paul Eagles, USACE and Sam Hodge, DOTD.

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

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for August on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2nd by Commissioner Hill, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for September.

After hearing no public comments, Board approved bid by John Deere Tractor for the purchase of 4 tractors. Motion was made by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Hill.

Board discussed the potential lease of an 80 acre tract referred to as Quinn Tract, on motion by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Copeland, Board agreed to advertise the agricultural lease upon request from interested party. No public comments were offered.

After hearing no public comments, on motion by Commissioner Frith, 2nd by Commissioner Varner, Board approved resolutions giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Tensas Parish for a two-year period beginning October 1, 2018, in conjunction with Flood Control/Mississippi River Tributaries, West Bank Mississippi River Levees, St. Joseph to Waterproof, Item 393-R in Tensas Parish.

On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Frith the Board approved resolution giving USACE, New Orleans District rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, for revetment work from LS 59+90 to 283+38, LS 283+38 to 350+00, LS 350+00 to 467+11.5, and LS 682+91.0 to 886+60.6 in Concordia Parish for a two-year period beginning September 30, 2018, subject to proper notification of landowners.

The Board considered a request from DESCO Environmental Consulting seeking permission to conduct 3D seismic surveys within 1500 feet of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee near Somerset Plantation in both Madison and Tensas Parishes. On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2nd by Commissioner Hill, approval was granted subject to USACE and DOTD approval. No public comments were offered.

There being no new business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Varner 2nd by Commissioner Hill.

Reynold Minsky, President

Jason Trichell, Supt. of Oper.