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| Logo  Description generated with very high confidence | **Tensas Basin Levee District** **Regular Meeting** |
| **Board of Commissioners** |
| **Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at** **9:30 AM** |
| **505 District Drive Monroe, LA** |
| **Minutes** | |
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**Call to Order**

**Roll Call**

Mr. Drew Keahey, President, called the meeting to order and requested the Secretary call roll with the following present and answering:    
  
PRESENT  
Commissioner Mike Calloway  
Commissioner Johnny Turner  
Commissioner Antwain Downs  
President Drew Keahey  
Vice President Rodney Hutchins  
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson  
Commissioner Dick Zeagler  
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell  
  
ABSENT  
Commissioner Dustin Morris  
Commissioner Ashley Peters  
Commissioner Michelle Collum  
  
Others in attendance were: Ms. Susan Douglas, DOTD; Mr. Dylan McIntosh, DOTD; Mr. Max Tullos, CORP Vicksburg; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District;  Mr. John Stringer, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Assistant Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Maintenance Supervisor, Tensas Basin Levee District;  Mr. Jason McMillan, Levee District Police.

**Prayer**

**Pledge of Allegiance**

President Drew Keahey opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Public Comment on Agenda Items**

**Action**

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

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District advertised for bids for West Monroe Pump station repairs.

WHEREAS, the time having arrived for the opening of bids, the following bids were received, opened and read aloud:  
-Womack and Sons Construction, Harrisonburg, LA bid $521,320.00  
-Amethyst Construction, West Monroe, LA bid $867,150.00  
  
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby accept that certain bid of Womack and Sons Construction, Harrisonburg, LA bid $521,320.00.  
  
  Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey  
  Secretary President

Motion made by Commissioner Turner, Seconded by Commissioner Downs 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 declare that the reading of the minutes of the regular meeting of June 8, 2021 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The Richland Beacon News.  
  
Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey  
Secretary    President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Harwell 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 all bills approved by the claims committee for June 2021.  
  
Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey   
Secretary             President

**Requests**

Motion made by Commissioner Zeagler, 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

     WHEREAS, upon completion of the questionnaire, the questionnaire must be presented to and adopted by the commission by means of a formal resolution in an open meeting; and  
  
     WHEREAS, the completed questionnaire and a copy of the adoption instrument must be presented to the Commission’s auditor at the beginning of the audit which is anticipated to begin in July, 2021 and  
  
     WHEREAS, the questionnaire has been completed and is now hereby presented for adoption; and   
  
     NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Tensas Basin Levee District Commissioners, in due, legal and regular session convened hereby accepts the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire as presented and accepts full responsibility for the Commission’s compliance with the laws and regulations addresses by the questionnaire.  
  
     BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that if any provision or item of this resolution or the application thereof is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions; items, or applications which can be given effect without the invalid provisions, items or application, and to this end the provisions of this resolution are hereby declared severable.  
  
     BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately.  
  
     BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that all resolutions or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.      

Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey

Secretary President

Motion made by Vice President Hutchins, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson 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 authorize the transfer of a campsite #WBS-8 from Gerald Mayo to Logan Lofton.  
  
Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey   
Secretary President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Downs 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 authorize Drew Keahey to sign right-of-way contracts for Harmon McDonald Rd  
  
Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey  
Secretary President

Motion made by Commissioner Harwell, 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 authorizes the Secretary and President to advertise for bids for repairs: Ouachita River Levee Floodwall, West Monroe Local Protection and Jonesville Local Protection for stop logs for the flood wall gaps.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED those bids shall be received by date still to be determined, at the office of the Tensas Basin Levee District, 505 District Drive, Monroe, La. 71202-6862, at which time bids shall be opened and read aloud.

Naomi Eppinette Drew Keahey

Secretary President

**Presentations**

**Items for Discussion**

**Update on Levee Projects**

John Stringer announced the ORVA Annual Conference will be August 12-13 at West Monroe Convention Center.

Brandon Waggoner advised we received inspection reports from CORP and our current projects near completion.

**Financial Statements**

**Public Comment**

Susan Douglas discuss capital outlay funds, request for next year due Nov 1st.

Antwain Downs stated farmers in Morehouse parish concerned about water levels of Bayou Bartholomew after a heavy rainfall.

Drew Keahey advised the Levee Board asked the CORP to do a study of Colewa creek in West Carroll Parish but the community wont allow CORP to get on property to do study.

**Adjourn**