

Fifth Louisiana Levee District  
March 9, 2016

The Board of Commissioners for the Fifth Louisiana Levee District met in regular session on Wednesday, March 9, 2016, at the Levee Board Office, 102 Burnside Drive, Tallulah, LA at 9:00 a.m. President Reynold Minsky called the meeting to order. Commissioners Scott Tiffie, John David Frith, James Kelly, Barry Maxwell, Jackie Varner and Pat Mabray answered roll call.

Visitors included Ryan McMillan and Sam Hodge from LA DOTD; Rick Shelton and Daniel Sumerall from USACE; and Yvonne Lewis from Mayor Branch's office.

The Board received quotes for General Insurance Policy for April 2016- April 2017. On motion by Commissioner Frith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiffie, after hearing no public comments, the Board approved the renewal quote submitted by Lensing, Lensing, Cunningham, and Hager.

The Board received sealed bids for the purchase of pickup truck. On motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Frith, Board approved the low bid from Lakeside Ford. No public comments were offered.

After no public comments were made, the Board approved February minutes on a motion by Commissioner Tiffie, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner.

Commissioners reviewed and approved claims submitted for February on motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner, after hearing no public comments. Commissioners reviewed financial statements for February.

On motion by Commissioner Mabray, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner, the Board approved the purchase of two clippers using the Louisiana State Contract, no public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Kelly, Board agreed to advertise the recreational lease of 12.584 acre tract in Madison Parish. No public comments were offered.

On motion by Commissioner Kelly, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Maxwell, Board agreed to advertise for the position of Levee Board Superintendent and Mobile Equipment Operator 1 – Heavy. No public comments were offered.

After discussions concerning the Flood Insurance Reform Coalition, Commissioner Varner made a motion to contribute \$2,000. Motion was 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Mabray. No public comments were offered.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Kolan Ray seeking permission to install cross fences, seasonal gates, and locked gates in Madison Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Varner, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiffie.

The Board reviewed a permit request from Concordia Electric seeking permission to install a powerline crossing the Backwater Levee in Concordia Parish near Levee Station 3303. On motion by Commissioner Varner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Frith, Board approved permit request. No public comments were offered.

Hearing no public comments, the Board approved permit request from Bryant Hammett's office on behalf of Ricky Brown to install sewage treatment systems within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Tensas Parish. Approval was granted on motion by Commissioner Frith, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Tiffie.

The Board reviewed a permit request from AT&T seeking permission to install a fiber optic line within 1500 ft. of the Mainline Mississippi River Levee in Madison Parish near Complex Chemical. On motion by Commissioner Varner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Maxwell, Board approved permit request. No public comments were offered.

After no public comments were offered, the Board approved a resolution on motion made by Commissioner Maxwell, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Varner, giving USACE, Vicksburg District, rights-of-entry, including ingress and egress, in Concordia Parish for a two-year period beginning March 16, 2016, in conjunction with Flood Control/MR&T, West Bank Mississippi River Levee, Vidalia-Morville, Concordia Parish, Louisiana, Levee Enlargement and Berms, item 365-R in Concordia Parish.

There being no other business to consider, the meeting was adjourned on motion by Commissioner Varner 2<sup>nd</sup> by Commissioner Maxwell.