



# TENSAS BASIN LEVEE DISTRICT REGULAR MEETING

Board of Commissioners

Tuesday, September 13, 2022 at 9:30 AM

505 District Drive Monroe, LA

## MINUTES

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### Call to Order

### Roll Call

Mr. Rodney Hutchins, Vice 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 Ashley Peters  
Commissioner Antwain Downs  
Vice President Rodney Hutchins  
Commissioner Kenneth Wilson  
Commissioner Dick Zeagler  
Commissioner Robert Neal Harwell

#### ABSENT

Commissioner Dustin Morris  
President Drew Keahey  
Commissioner Michelle Collum

Others in attendance were: Mayor Friday Ellis, City of Monroe; Mr. DJ Fortenberry, City of Monroe; Mrs. Meghan Risinger, City of Monroe; Ms. Susan Douglas, DOTD; Mr. Dylan McIntosh, DOTD; Mr. Michael Street, Attorney, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Brandon Waggoner, Executive Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Matt Varnell, Administrative Director, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Justin Holloway, Operations Superintendent, Tensas Basin Levee District; Mr. Jason McMillin, Police Captain, Tensas Basin Levee Police.

### Prayer

### Pledge of Allegiance

Vice President Rodney Hutchins opened the meeting with prayer followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

### Public Comment on Agenda Items

### Action

Mike Defalco gives the audit report for 2021-2022. This agenda item will be tabled to the October meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Downs, Seconded by Commissioner Turner and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after Vice President Rodney Hutchins 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 August 9, 2022 is hereby dispensed with and declared approved as published in the official journal of this board, The News Star.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Rodney Hutchins  
Vice President

Motion made by Commissioner Peters, Seconded by Commissioner Wilson and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after Vice President Rodney Hutchins 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 August 2022.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Rodney Hutchins  
Vice President

Motion made by Commissioner Calloway, Seconded by Commissioner Peters and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after Vice President Rodney Hutchins called for public comments and there were none, to-wit:

**RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District does hereby authorize the President and Secretary to advertise for bids as follows:

**Lee Lane Levee Relocation**

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that bids shall be received up until 4:00 P. M., October 10, 2022 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  
Secretary

Rodney Hutchins  
Vice President

**Requests**

Motion made by Commissioner Wilson, Seconded by Commissioner Zeagler and passed unanimously by the Board of Commissioners of the Tensas Basin Levee District, after Vice President Rodney Hutchins 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 #BHB-1A & BHB-1B from Aaron Belgard to Mark Belgard and Bryan Belgard.

Naomi Eppinette  
Secretary

Rodney Hutchins  
Vice President

**Presentations**

Mayor Friday Ellis and DJ Fortenberry gave a presentation for a City of Monroe walking path along Riverside Dr in Monroe.

**Items for Discussion**

Brandon Waggoner gave a presentation about USACE Catahoula Parish culvert replacement.

**Update on Levee Projects**

Brandon Waggoner gave updates on levee projects. He also presented the draft floor plan for the new facility.

**Financial Statements**

**Public Comment**

Susan Douglas, DOTD, invited everyone to the DOTD meeting on October 5th in Natchitoches.

Antwain Downs asked what are the next steps for the City of Monroe walking path.

**Adjourn**