

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 8, 2012
6:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on January 8, 2012, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.
Billy Dunn, Foreman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the December, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the December, 2012 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the December, 2012 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that he had received a complaint from a property owner

upstream from the ditch that flows through Lloyd Moreau's property complaining that the water was backing up on his land. An inspection of the drainage ditch revealed that Mr. Moreau had not begun work replacing the drainage pipes as he had been permitted to do. He advised that he had talked to the employee of Mr. Moreau who indicated they were supposed to begin digging out the ditch the following morning. Mrs. Doris Rogé advised that she also had talked with an employee of Mr. Moreau's and learned that they were going to begin work this week clearing out the ditch. After further discussion, the Board advised Mr. Dunn if no work had been done to clear the drainage ditch by Thursday of the following week, then he should take the trackhoe and open up the ditch as soon thereafter as possible.

Mr. Dunn further advised that the cylinder on the excavator had been rebuilt on-site. There was an issue with the individual who did the work not having all the parts that he needed which required two trips to town. We should only be billed for one trip to the site and the Board requested Mr. Corkern to inspect this bill before paying to make certain that we are only billed for one trip. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew was digging out all of the drainage ditches to make certain that they were open.

Brad Sticker discussed the Cane River Dam inspection report that was prepared by ECM Consultants, Inc. He pointed out that the State of Louisiana owns the spillway and that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District owns the three embankments. However, two of the embankments are actually included in the Corps annual inspection since they form a part of the Federal Levee System. Mr. Sticker is going to propose to the State of Louisiana that these two embankments be removed from the State Levee Systems since they are already being inspected by the Corps of Engineers and are actually part of the Federal System.

The Board further discussed the recommended action with respect to the Cane River Dam as contained in the October 31, 2012 letter from ECM Consultants, Inc. Billy Dunn pointed out that our crew cannot remove the large trees referred to in the report because electric lines run through the top of the trees. There was further discussion suggesting that removing the larger trees would remove a large portion of dirt along with the root system, and this would create a worse situation than presently existed. Mr. Dunn will review the inspection report and complete that work which is feasible.

Ronald Corkern was advised to send the plans and specs regarding the lower Cane River project to Mr. John Richard for final approval and to determine exactly how and when we can access the money.

Karlton Methvin advised that our two tractors are now out of warranty, and one cutter is pretty old. The tractors only have about 750 hours on them. We previously leased the tractors under a lease purchase agreement. The Board requested Mr. Methvin to check on the feasibility of either selling the two tractors and entering into a lease of two new tractors or extending the lease on the presently owned tractors for an additional one year. Mr. Methvin will also price a new bushhog since we are having lots of problems necessitating repairs to the one presently owned.

Mr. Charles Brazzel, Jr. made a Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. This Motion was seconded by Rayburn Smith and the Motion passed unanimously.

Following discussion in Executive Session, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to come out of Executive Session. The Motion passed unanimously.

After the meeting of the Board reconvened in regular session, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Mark Swafford to hire Billy Dunn permanently in the position of Foreman.

Corkern was also asked by the Board to check Civil Service Rules as they apply to Dennis Antee. Mr. Antee intends to enter into the Drop Program in June of this year, and it is unknown how many vacation and/or sick leave hours he can accumulate towards retirement. Additionally, the Board was uncertain as to how the accumulated hours would be used by Mr. Antee.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 12th day of February, 2013, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,
Attorney/Assistant Secretary