

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
December 13, 2016
7:00 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 December 13, 2016, 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
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer

President Methvin called the meeting to order. A Motion was made by Terry Sklar to amend the agenda to approve Change Order No. 3 with respect to the work being done for repairs made to the Cloutierville dam. This Motion was seconded by Billy Giddens. Following public discussion, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A Motion was also made by Terry Sklar to amend the agenda to approve travel for Ronald Corkern for inspection of the levees following recent rains. Reimbursement for mileage is to be made at the State rate. This Motion was seconded by Janet Jones. Following public discussion, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the November, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Billy Giddens, to approve the November, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The November, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones approve the November, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that they had installed the pipe at Chivary Dam. His crew was through reworking all of the lifts and all of the flap gates. All are in good working order at the present time.

Mr. Dunn further advised that Mr. Sylvester Sers had requested that trees from the ditch that runs through his place. This is a drainage ditch under the Levee Board's control and consequently the trees were all removed and Mr. Sylvester is happy and also the flow of water is improved.

Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had inspected each of the flood gates following the recent heavy rain and removed all of the debris that had collected around the flood gates.

Mr. Dunn also advised that our crew would participate with the City of Natchitoches and clean the ditch at Blanchard Road. We will use our backhoe to remove the brush debris and the City will haul it off.

Mr. Dunn also advised that Mr. Louis Wellan had put in a waterline across the levee and that the dirt had sunk enough that Mr. Dunn's truck got stuck trying to cross it. The Board requested Corkern to write a letter to Mr. Wellan requesting that he place rock over the trench.

Finally, Mr. Dunn advised that our crew would take off December 22 through January 9 with the Board's approval. The Board approved unanimously.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that the levee system looks really good. The only long term issues are the drainage structures that our employees can't do anything about.

Mr. Sticker then discussed with the Board Change Order No. 3 regarding the Cloutierville dam. Sticker also advised that there will be a Change Order No. 4 regarding the replacement of the lifting structure.

Karlton Methvin lead a discussion regarding Del Acres and also discussed information he had received receiving our ability to obtain a low interest loan. The Board agreed to obtain additional information regarding the low interest loan from FEMA.

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

Approved on the 10th day of January, 2017, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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