

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
March 10, 2009  
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 March 10, 2009, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Member  
Alfred Bruning, Member  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Gary Anderson, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, Maintenance Superintendent, DOTD  
Alan Sheppard, SprayMax

The minutes from the February 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Janet Jones, the Minutes were approved.

The February, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, the February, 2009 Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was grading at Powhatan. Mr. Vercher said that they had a dirt bucket at the shop that has never been used and that he had called Komatsu about returning it. Komatsu offered \$1,800.00 for the bucket. Mr. Vercher would like to purchase a thumb for the excavator which he estimates

will cost about \$4,000.00, and \$600.00 to have welded on. Mr. Vercher also advised that they needed to get an estimate on the rails and piping from Wayne Lodridge for the flood gate. Mr. Vercher got bids from D & J Tire of \$2,497.00 and Despino of \$2,660.00 for 1 front and 2 back tires. Mr. Methvin told Mr. Vercher to go with the cheapest bid.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. He has reviewed the levee safety report. It is the guidance for dam safety. It is still in the draft stage. It will make it mandatory that flood insurance be bought even though you are protected by a levee.

Mr. Eldridge had been contacted by Mike Wolfe regarding a permit application to put crossings in behind St. Mary's school. Mr. Eldridge had talked to John Thompson regarding a permit, but he didn't think Mr. Thompson would be able to put in pipe, but that a bridge would be needed.

Mr. Eldridge further advised that he had sent documentation to the Corps regarding cleaning the channels. He will set up a meeting with Mr. Vercher.

Mr. Eldridge further advised that last month the Board had discussed the possibility of doing some work on Bayou Passon through the Statewide Flood Control Program. He advised that he was still waiting on Mr. Corkern to set up a meeting with the City and Police Jury officials. They are getting short on time and need to get going on that.

The office activity report was given by Tina, Ronald Corkern's secretary. She advised that the only new to report was that they had received a dividend check from the Louisiana Workers' Compensation Corporation in the amount of \$450.00 which she would deposit to the general account.

Karlton Methvin advised that he had nothing to report.

Under new business, the Resolution authorizing Karlton Methvin to execute a deed for the sale of the Cloutierville property to Johnny Byone, Sr. was reviewed. On motion made by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Rayburn Smith, the Board voted to authorize Mr. Methvin to sign the Resolution.

Also under new business Mr. Methvin advised that there was going to be an evaluation commission meeting in Baton Rouge by

the Legislative Auditor April 27, 28 or 29. Mr. Methvin said that he was going to try to go, but hoped that Mrs. Jones or Mrs. Rogé would be able to represent the Board.

The Board voted to set the time for future meetings at 7:00 p.m. on the second Tuesday of each month.

Under old business, the ALBL Annual Workshop to be held May 7 and 8 was discussed. Registration is due by April 15, 2009. Anyone wishing to attend this workshop in Baton Rouge should let Corkern know by April 1, 2009 so that reservations can be made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion of Janet Jones, seconded by Adolph Sklar, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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