

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

July 9, 2018

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 July 9, 2018, 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
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Board Members absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jason Sellers, Vice President of Edko

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A discussion was held regarding the June, 2018 minutes. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Rogé, and seconded by Jones, to approve the June, 2018 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2018 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to approve the June, 2018 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn reported that the two slides in the southern part of the parish had been repaired and the dirt had been sodded. He also reported that the state levee at Powhatan had been cut for the second time. At present the crew is cleaning the W-2 (middle bayou) canal. The crew has been working from Highway 485 toward the interstate. They are now cutting the federal levees for the second time.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that he had inspected the Rachal canal and provided a written report by letter dated July 10, 2018. Based on his inspection, there are three areas wherein culverts need to be replaced. The three areas were discussed and Corkern was asked to write a letter to the owner of the adjacent property at Station 138+45. The purpose of the letter would be to advise the landowner that the existing 60" pipe needs to be replaced with two 72" pipes. It is the policy of the Board to do the work if the landowner will pay for the pipe. Mr. Dunn advised that the property at Station 138+45 is actually owned by Freddie Lavespere who is now deceased. Mr. Dunn advised that he would obtain the name and address of the individual managing the property so that Corkern could send the letter to that person.

Mr. Sticker further advised that the slide at Powhatan had been surveyed. He indicated that he would need to look at the area again to see exactly what needs to be done before reporting to the Board. Mr. Sticker indicated that he would make another inspection within the next couple of days.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised that the lease on the dozer would expire on November 24, 2018. The lease agreement contains a provision that the lessor must be notified at least four months in advance if we wish to annual the lease. Methvin advised that if we extend the lease we either will not have a warranty, or we will have a limited warranty. Following discussion, the Board requested Corkern to write a letter advising the lessor that we do intend to cancel the lease. In the meantime, Mr. Methvin advised that he would check on a lease of a new dozer with full warranty and report back to the Board at the next meeting.

In new business, Ronald Corkern discussed with the Board the servitude agreement with Allbritton Cattle Company, LLC. The agreement was reviewed and discussed. Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, advised that he did not see any issue with the Board

approving this agreement. Corkern likewise advised the Board that he did not see any reason for the Board not to approve this servitude agreement. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve the servitude agreement with Allbritton Cattle Company, LLC. The Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion then followed regarding the East Natchitoches drainage canal (L10). Corkern advised of the phone calls he had with a resident in the Cane Garden Apartments, as well as the manager of one of the nearby nursing homes. The resident of Cane Garden Apartments was complaining of mosquitoes. Corkern advised her that the Levee Board did not spray for mosquitoes because we did not have the equipment to do so. He did advise her that the Public Health Department had a machine and did spray for mosquitoes and the Health Department was contacted regarding the resident's concerns and request that the area be sprayed. The manager of the nursing home indicated that she needed information regarding the drainage ditch for insurance purposes. Brad Sticker advised that the drainage ditch had an average depth of 7' and an average bottom width of 20'.

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

Approved on the 14th day of August, 2018, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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