

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 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 September 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.

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

The August, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the August, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn, was on vacation and consequently the maintenance report was given by President Karlton Methvin. Mr. Methvin advised that the crew had been

bushhogging and picking up debris off of the levee. He advised that Billy Dunn would be back at work the following Monday.

Mr. Methvin further advised that we had received and the crew had installed the cross arms to raise the gate located on the Miller property. He informed the Board that we were still waiting to receive the gate for Chivary Dam. It was supposed to be shipped from Baton Rouge, but as of the date of the meeting it had not been shipped.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that he had completed specifications for the work to be done at Chivary Dam and would forward the specs to Ronald Corkern so that he could obtain quotes from at least three contractors to complete the work at Chivary Dam. Mr. Sticker did not believe it would take more than a couple of days for the contractor to hang the gate.

There was other discussion by the Board regarding the request by Delta Land Company for the Board to abandon the levee that ran through the property owned by Delta Land Company. The Board expressed concern that if it abandoned the levee and this resulted in flooding of property other than that owned by Delta Land Company then the Levee Board might be liable for damages. A request was made that Brad Sticker further study this issue and determine at what elevation the water would back around the end of the levee and whether or not there was the potential for property other than that owned by Delta Land Company to flood if the levee was abandoned and subsequently became into a state of disrepair.

During the previous month's Board meeting an inquiry was made regarding an invoice paid to the State Civil Service. At that time Mr. Corkern did not know what the invoice was for. At this meeting Corkern advised the Board that under State law each public entity is assessed with a portion of the cost for operation of the State Civil Service and the invoice we received represented that portion assessed to the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District.

The Board then discussed the 2016 inspection. We received a very good report except for the fact that we are unable to video our pipes. Further discussion followed regarding the prospect of having the pipes videoed and the cost associated with doing this.

In other business, Corkern reminded the Board of the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana which will held in New Orleans on December 7 and 8. Mrs. Rogé, Mr. Methvin and Corkern advised they would attend this meeting.

The Board also discussed the intergovernmental agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for repairs made to the Cloutierville dam. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve Change Order No. 2 and to authorize Corkern to pay the invoice associated with this Change Order received from DOTD. After public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously. In follow up, Corkern was requested to ask Tina Coffey to include this additional invoice paid by the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District in our claim to 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 11th day of October, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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