

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
October 13, 2009  
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 October 13, 2009, 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  
Adolph Sklar, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD  
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent  
Alan Sheppard, SprayMax

The minutes from the September 8, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The September, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Rayburn Smith, the September, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Rayburn Smith to supplement the agenda to discuss the lease/purchase of another tractor, the purchase of a new truck, and to change the time of future meetings to 6:00 p.m. The Motion to supplement the agenda was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that the last few days they had been checking flood gates. More rain is predicted and they will continue to check the flood gates and the levees on a regular basis. Karlton Methvin suggested that they keep an eye on the gate at Hampton's place. Methvin also reminded Mr. Vercher not to close the dates by Billy Giddens' place unless they have to because the water will start backing up on the landowners in that area.

Alan Sheppard advised that his company had completed spraying operations.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge discussed the letter received from the Corps of Engineers regarding Loggy Bayou. He also advised that a DOTD employee had offered to meet with the Board to provide us with forms for inspections of the levees. They are trying to use forms that will make all inspections consistent.

Karlton Methvin discussed the purchase of a new truck and a new tractor. He also advised that the contractor had begun spreading rock on the east side. In addition to discussing the need for purchasing a second tractor, the Board discussed the need to purchase a new truck. The Board requested Karlton to investigate the purchase of a truck under State contract and report at the next meeting.

On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, the Board voted unanimously to authorize Karlton Methvin to enter into a lease/purchase of another tractor from John Deere under the State contract.

In new business, the Board discussed the 74<sup>th</sup> annual meeting of the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association in December in New Orleans. None of the Board Members were able to attend that meeting.

In other new business, the Board discussed the 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in New Orleans on December 2 and 3, 2009. On Motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to approve the travel of Doris Rogé, Karlton Methvin and Ronald Corkern to the meeting of the Association of Levee Board os Louisiana in New Orleans on December 2 and 3, 2009.

In other business, the Board discussed Dan Roque, Sr.'s request that the ditch behind his residence be placed under the Levee Board's jurisdiction. The Board discussed the fact that it could not simply take in ditches that drain only a particular individual's property. Gary Eldridge offered to do further investigation regarding this ditch to determine what area the ditch would affect.

Also, Adolph Sklar, Jr. made a Motion to change the time of the monthly meeting of the Board of Commissioners from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Rayburn Smith and unanimously approved.

Finally, the Board discussed the need to make an additional Capital Outlay Request for money to complete the Marco Flood Gates. Gary Eldridge indicated that he would check to see exactly what the procedure was for making this request, and the Board instructed Corkern to coordinate with Mr. Eldridge and make the appropriate request.

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

Approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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