

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 8, 2013
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 8, 2013, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Billy Giddens, Member
Doris Rogé, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Allen Shephard, Edko, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the September, 2013 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Janet Jones, and seconded by Mark Swafford, to approve the September, 2013 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2013 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Charles Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Billy Giddens to approve the September, 2013 Financial Statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance superintendent's report was given by Billy Dunn. He advised that his crew was currently clearing L-19 and L-19A. They were working on L-4 this week and it started raining and so they pulled off and started cutting grass at the southern end of the parish. They are working their way back north. He also advised that he had checked with Mr. Lodrigue and he is in the process of building the gate to replace the one that was lost during last year's high water. Further discussion followed with the Board agreeing that once the gate was complete we would enter into discussions with the previous contractor to determine if they will put the gate in place, and if so, at what cost.

Mr. Dunn also advised that he had received a call from Mr. Crooks. Mr. Crooks advised that someone is going through his gates on the levee and using a Levee Board key. They are then locking Mr. Crooks out and he cannot pass through the gates. Mr. Dunn had looked into the cost associated with replacing all Levee Board locks and determined that approximately 30 locks would need to be replaced and the total cost would be \$420.00. Further discussion followed by the Board Members and it was agreed that over the years so many keys had been handed out that it was impossible now to determine who had keys to the various locks. Consequently, a Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Charles Brazzel, Jr. to authorize Billy Dunn to change all of the locks on the gates along the levee. The Motion passed unanimously.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that he had reviewed the inspection report relative to the Cane River Dam. Basically, the report was the same as last year's report.

Mr. Sticker also reported that he is still working on trying to get the dam on the north end of Cane River Lake out of our inventory. He is also trying to get the embankment on the north end out of the inventory as well.

Sticker also advised the Board that he should have reports on the State's inspection of levees by next month's meeting. Neither he nor the Board have received the State's Periodic Inspection which was done by the Corps of Engineers a year ago.

In other business Mr. Sticker advised that he has researched the records and gotten as much information from Baton Rouge as possible regarding the State levee at Cloutierville. He is in the process of talking with the Legal Department to see what the procedure is for getting this levee out of our system. He will

continue to keep the Board updated as to his progress in this regard.

There was additional discussion by the Board regarding the need to spray the State Levee at Cloutierville. Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Janet Jones to contract with Edko to spray the levee at a cost not to exceed \$1,500.00.

Sticker further advised the Board that he had received a permit application from Ludlow McNeely for a waterline crossing the levee. The application looked good and he did not see any real issues.

Finally, Sticker advised that he had completed the plans and specifications for the lower Cane River repairs. He had sent out an email to the contractor just asking for an update.

Corkern advised that he had made a reservation for Doris Rogé, Karl Methvin, and himself to attend the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting in New Orleans on December 4 and 5. Corkern also advised that he had met several times with Randy LaCaze who is working on submitting our request to be included in the capital budget for money to make repairs to the Cloutierville flood gates on Highway 495. Corkern advised that the paperwork would be completed and filled prior to the next Board meeting.

In other business, Janet Jones made a Motion to change the meeting time for our monthly meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Doris Rogé and passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 12th day of November, 2013, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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