

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 8, 2019
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, 2019, 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

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Jamarquis Torrente, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Engineer with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix &
Hickson, LLC

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.

The September, 2019 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Rogé and seconded by Swafford to approve the September, 2019 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2019 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Messenger and seconded by Swafford to approve the September, 2019 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Trimble, engineer with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hickson, LLC, gave an update on the project his firm has been working on. Trimble advised that everything had been submitted on a timely basis to GOSHEP in March, 2019. He contacted GOSHEP about 60 days later and they said everything was received and was on go. He checked with GOSHEP again about two weeks ago to determine the status of the project and was advised that they needed certain information. This was the same information that had previously been provided in March. Trimble indicated he then sent two more copies of the requested information to GOSHEP.

Trimble further advised the Board that they were ready to bid the work on Culverts 4 and 6. He informed the Board that if the project was advertised the following week then we would be able to open bids at the Board's next regular meeting on November 12, 2019.

A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to authorize Trimble to advertise the work for Culverts 4 and 6, and to open bids at the next meeting on November 12, 2019. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, the Maintenance Superintendent, gave a report on all maintenance conducted subsequent to the last meeting. He advised that his crew had finished cutting all of the State and Federal levees. He also advised that it might be necessary to cut the levees on the Campti side again before we get sufficient cold weather to stop grass from growing.

Dunn also advised that the structure at Powhatan behind Sammie Leone's farm had a slide, and it had been repaired. He indicated that his crew was currently working on the structure off of Hyams Road (P-8).

Dunn reported that they had started cleaning the ditch (W-2) at Allen. The dozer is cleaning ahead. When they finish with the pipe, they will bring the excavator in and finish everything up.

Jamarquis Torrente, DOTD Engineer, reported relative to the work on L-6 crossing. He expected the work on that crossing to be finished the following week.

Torrente also reported on the setback at Powhatan. They have completed the plans for fixing that issue. He does not know the estimate for the work to be performed, but thought Brad

Sticker had worked up an estimate and would provide that to the Board.

Karlton Methvin reported that we need a new center section on one of the bushhogs. John Deere will pay for all of the parts and we have to pay for the labor. He estimated the parts would cost approximately \$2,500 and the labor would be about \$800.

In other business, Ronald Corkern reported that all payments have now been received relative to the 2016 FEMA Flood Reimbursement. The last payment recently deposited to our account was approximately \$35,000.

Corkern also presented to the Board the option to renew for a period of three (3) years the contract with Broussard and Company, CPAs, LLC for the annual audit. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve the renewal of this three-year (3) contract. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern also advised the Board of his discussions with Don Simmons of Courtesy Automotive regarding the purchase of a new F-250 Pickup Truck. Following further discussion and public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Messenger to authorize the purchase of new Ford F-250 Truck under the State contract with Courtesy Automotive. The Motion passed unanimously.

A motion was then made by Jones and seconded by Messenger to change the monthly meeting to 6:00 p.m. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

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 12th day of November, 2019, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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