

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 10, 2015
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 November 10, 2015, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Foreman
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.
Representative Terry Brown

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the October, 2015 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the October, 2015 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The October, 2015 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the October financial statements. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had finished the job at Hampton. All three gates are now functional and the area surrounding the gates has been graded and seeded.

Mr. Dunn also advised that the pipe at Highway 486 (Campti Cutoff) was leaking. His crew has made appropriate repairs and resolved that problem.

Mr. Dunn also advised that the big gate on the other side of Clarence had to be repaired. They were unable to lift the flap gate. They replaced the snatch block and the gate is now operational.

Dunn also advised that L-23 had been cleared of a beaver dam and the water was now flowing. Dunn also advised that Mr. Roshtoe had called and informed him that a tree had fallen across the levee. They inspected and removed same. They graded the levee at Marco. The holes were getting pretty big because of the traffic in that area.

Mr. Dunn also advised that the State dam inspections would be conducted the following Monday. All of the State dams are ready for inspection.

Finally, Mr. Dunn advised that they needed grip tires on the new truck. Dunn had received three estimates for tires. Mr. Dunn recommended that we purchase the Cooper tires even though the set of tires is approximately \$80 more than the cheapest of the three estimates he obtained. He felt these tires were more suitable for their needs. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Terry Sklar to approve the purchase of the Cooper tires at a total cost of \$918.87. After public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that they were moving along pretty well at the Highway 495 Cloutierville structure until we received all of the heavy rain. Everything is now under water.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had inspected the Campti-Clarence area where there is no levee. All of the surveys of this area have been completed. He will work on an estimate for the new levee in this area and report to the Board.

A discussion then followed on the work contained in our Capital Outlay Request. After public comment, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the payment to Randy LaCaze of \$1,500 for completing the necessary paperwork and filing the Capital Outlay Request. The Motion passed unanimously.

Karlton Methvin reported that he attended a meeting with the Corps of Engineers in Shreveport on October 29, 2015. The Corps explained why their predictions regarding the spring flood were in error. The Corps reported, in essence, they have less storage now than they did in years passed. This is due in part to the silting that has occurred. The Corps is going to ask Congress for \$1,500,000 to study the situation and see if the bed of Red River has silted in, thus decreasing the storage capacity since last surveyed in the 1990s. The Corps predictions were significantly lower than the actual rise of the river.

Mr. Methvin also discussed the fact that two of our tractors are now three years old. We will be given \$37,000 and \$38,000 for the two tractors on a trade-in. We can enter into a lease-purchase under a State contract for two similar tractors that we will own in two years. After public comment, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to approve the lease-purchase of two tractors under the State contract with a trade-in of our two old tractors. This Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Corkern advised that the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would be held in New Orleans on December 2 and 3. Ronald Corkern, Karlton Methvin, Doris Rogé and Janet Jones are registered to attend this meeting.

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

Approved on the 8th day of December, 2015, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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