

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
December 8, 2020
6:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called to order in the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on December 8, 2020, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mary Jones, Secretary
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member
Casey Messenger
Jolley Nash, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Ford Stinson, EDKO
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson, Inc.
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer

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 November, 2020 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to approve the November, 2020 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The November, 2020 financial statement was not available from the bank. Consequently, the Board reviewed the check register and following public discussion, a Motion was made by

Swafford and seconded by Messenger to approve the November, 2020 check register as presented. This Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Trimble with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson provided a report on the Lena waterline which was placed in the NLDD right of way at Marco. Mr. Trimble advised that another individual in his office was actually the engineer for the project. That individual obtained all of the necessary parish permits but was unaware he needed a permit from Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. That individual is in the process of making application for an after-the-fact permit.

Mr. Trimble also presented the final invoice from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson for the Campti-Clarence Levee Segment Slip Lining of Culverts. This invoice was in the amount of \$1,355.00. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Nolan Jones, Jr. to approve the payment of Invoice No. 7119.01-005 in the amount of \$1,355.00.

Mr. Trimble further discussed the East Natchitoches Watershed Initiative and advised that he was putting together a package for the East Natchitoches drainage plan.

Mr. Trimble also requested a letter of recommendation to the Rapides Parish Police Jury. A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to authorize Corkern to send a letter of recommendation.

Karlton Methvin advised that the crew had finished bush hogging all of the levees and was currently cleaning up limbs and other debris within the City.

Jarmarquis Torrence reported that he has not had time to look at the levee setback at Powhatan. He also reported on the DOTD inspection of State levees. Mary Jones advised that Natchitoches Parish had been awarded \$500,000.00 for the hazard mitigation project. It appears that the Parish Administration is agreeable to using this money for the levee setback at Marco.

Susan Douglas was present from the State and discussed the NLDD efforts to obtain reimbursement from FEMA for Hurricane Laura expenses. She also discussed with the Board a capitol outlay project that had been approved by the State for the Parish of Ouachita and the Tensas Levee District. A discussion followed regarding projects within the jurisdiction of NLDD that might be eligible for funding through capitol outlay.

There being no further business to come before the Board a Motion was made by Mary Jones and seconded by Nash to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 12th day of January, 2021, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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