

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
February 14, 2023
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 February 14, 2023, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC

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

A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to amend the agenda to accept the bid from Edko, Inc. for professional services related to the spraying of all levees. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously. A Motion was then made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to amend the agenda to change the starting time of the Commission's monthly meetings from 6:00

p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

The January meetings were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the January, 2023 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The January, 2023 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Sklar to approve the January, 2023 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew had been cleaning all of the structures and getting them ready for inspection. Further discussion followed by the Board regarding the lack of inspection this year by the Corps of Engineers. The Corps of Engineers has employed a new system and will not inspect the levees on an annual basis, as they have done in the past. However, Rodney Nordby with Corps of Engineers has advised Dunn that the Corps would be inspecting all structures and pipes in the near future.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that construction on the Highway 1226 bridge will start around the end of March, and it will take 3 to 4 months for the work to be completed. Torrence further advised that with respect to the 3 bridges on U.S. Highway 71, DOTD expects to let the contracts by the middle of July and construction work should begin by the end of the year.

In other business, President Methvin advised the Board that he had received a call from the Mayor of Clarence requesting assistance from the Levee Board in cleaning out a ditch that runs through the town so as to improve the drainage situation. Methvin advised that he and Smith had looked at the area in question. There are actually two ditches that are involved. One of the ditches does not belong to the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District, but the ditch that runs along side Clark Road is in our system. After further discussion, it was agreed that Billy Dunn would go look at our ditch that runs parallel to Clark Road and determine if there is anything we can do to improve the water flow.

Paul Trimble, Project Engineer, brought the Board up-to-date with the status of Project No. 36-L26-20-01. The contract for that work was presented for execution and Corkern advised that he

would file same with the Clerk of Court and forward to Mr. Haftek with FP&C.

A Motion was then made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve payment of the invoice from Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson in the amount of \$25,582.50. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

President Methvin then presented a copy of the bid from Edko, Inc. for all spraying. Following discussion between Board Members and Mr. Stinson, Edko's representative, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to accept the bid from Edko, Inc. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Messenger noted that himself and other farmers on the Board of Commissioners would like to change the time of our meeting to accommodate their work schedules. A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to change the meeting time from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Following public comment, this Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 14th day of March, 2023, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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