

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 13, 2012
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 March 13, 2012, 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Assistant District Administrator
for Engineering

The meeting was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the February, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A motion was made by Janet Jones, and seconded by Charles Brazzell, Jr. to approve the February, 2012 minutes. The motion carried unanimously.

The February, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A motion made by Mark Swafford, seconded by Doris Rogé, the February, 2012 financial statement was unanimously approved.

Robert Vercher addressed the board and advised that his crew was apparently checking all the flood gates. With all the rain that we have had in the area recently they cannot do any bush hogging. In addition to checking all the flood gates and making certain they are operational, they were doing some work on the bush hog equipment. Barring any additional rain, they expect to start bush hogging again around the last week in March.

Mr. Vercher advised the board that they did not have any spare tires on hand for the cutters. Following discussion, the board advised Mr. Vercher that he should purchase two or three spare tires and have on hand so that they would not have to stop working if it became necessary to change a tire. Mr. Vercher further advised the board that his crew intended to do some duct work from the Miller property down to the J. H. Williams property.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker invited to the board copies of the Natchitoches Levee inspections that had been recently completed. The board requested Karlton to forward one of the inspection reports to the Corps of Engineers. This inspection report would serve as our quarterly report. Mr. Sticker commented that overall our levee was in good condition. However, one exception is the Hampton Flood Gates. Mr. Sticker advised that he was still working on a permanent solution to the Hampton Flood Gates. He also advised that the Corps of Engineers had called recently and advised that they will begin their inspection on April 30, 2012 on the Natchitoches side. This is a periodic inspection which will be more in depth than the annual inspection. It is believed that this inspection will probably take the place of the annual inspection that is usually done during the summer months. Brad also advised that he had asked the Corps of Engineers to give some indication as to whether they would accept the three pipeline crossings over the levee even though one did not meet the Corps criteria. He has not received a response to this inquiry.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had contacted the company who had placed the monitoring wells on the Campti side. There are nine wells all together. None of these wells were permitted by the levee board. The individual Mr. Sticker talked with advised that they had a leak in their pipeline and the EPA required them to monitor on a quarterly basis. All of the wells are registered with the state, but as indicated previously, none are permitted. Brad is going to obtain some more information regarding these wells and discuss with the Corps of Engineers.

The Corps has advised that they are going to be concerned about the missing part of the levee on the Denning Place. He also advised that last year the legislature passed a bill that provided that fences would be fifteen feet from the toe of the levee. Prior to that, the levee board only had a six foot servitude from the toe of the levee and fences could be placed at that point. Apparently there is a bill being introduced in this years legislature to change it back to six feet. Mr. Sticker advised that they had not been able to locate the gates that fell off on lower Cane River structures. The DOTD has completed its survey of the area and Brad is presently working up an estimate for repairs. He will get with Robert and his crew as soon as possible to put the remaining lug nuts on the Hampton Gates.

Karlton Methvin advised that he had received a call from Sylvester Sers advising that someone had placed a bunch of trees in a ditch on the Roque property. Apparently this was causing flooding onto his property. He requested the levee board to clean the trees out of the ditch. Mr. Methvin advised that he would look at the ditch and see exactly what the issue was.

In new business, the board considered the proposal for spraying submitted by Edko, LLC. Following discussion, a motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to accept the proposal as per letter dated March 12, 2012 in the amount of \$104,000.00. The motion passed unanimously.

In other new business, Robert Vercher advised that he had checked on truck tires and had received three bids. The lowest bid was from Natchitoches Ford in the amount of \$835.60. A motion was made by Adolph Sklar and seconded by Doris Rogé to authorize the purchase of these tires from Natchitoches Ford. The motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 10th day of April, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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