

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 14, 2023
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 to order at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on March 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
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
DOTD Representative
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to amend the agenda to discuss the new spraying proposal from Edko, LLC and adopt same. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

The February minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by

Messenger to approve the February, 2023 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The February, 2023 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the February, 2023 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had removed all of the limbs and debris on both the State and Federal levees. They have also removed beaver dams on L-28, L-11A and L-4.

The crew is currently working on cow walks and leveling the crown of the levee.

The inspection by the Corps of Engineers went very well on the Natchitoches side.

Dunn also advised that he had inspected the ditch in Clarence that is under the jurisdiction of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. The ditch does have some silt in it and his crew will remove the silt as soon as they are able to get to it. However, this will not solve the flooding in this area since there is another public ditch not under the control of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District that has a great deal of trash and debris in it and is causing the water to back up.

In other business, Mr. Methvin advised that on or before April 6 they would start resurfacing the levee at Marco.

Corkern advised that he had talked with Susan Douglas and learned that she was doing well and still recovering at home. She was hopeful she would be able to make next month's meeting.

Jordan Lemoine explained the new proposal from Edko, LLC that added additional spraying. Following discussion regarding this proposal and the additional spraying that would be done, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to approve the Edko, LLC proposal for additional spraying. Following public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Corkern reminded the Board that financial disclosure statements were due by each Board member by May 15. Corkern advised that his office had received financial disclosure statements from Smith, Swafford & Sklar.

Corkern also advised the Commissioners that if they have not already done so, they need to complete the Ethics Online Training and that Certificates of Training were needed from Mary Jones, Rayburn Smith and Jolley Nash. Corkern further advised that he had talked with Mary Jones and she wishes to resign as a member of the Board of Commissioners due to her conflicting schedule. Corkern will prepare and forward to her a letter of resignation for her signature.

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 11th day of April, 2023, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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