

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
March 10, 2011  
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on March 10, 2011, 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  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The minutes from the February 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Mark Swafford, the February minutes were unanimously approved.

The February, 2011 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the February, 2011 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Ronald Corkern reviewed with the Board the GAP Closure Plans prepared by DOTD. Corkern advised that these plans had been forwarded to the Corps of Engineers for their approval. Corkern also discussed with the Board the meeting between FEMA representatives and local officials regarding levee decertification and the effect on Natchitoches Parish. Corkern advised that Mr. Mike Schiflet presented to FEMA our proposal to

certify a portion of the Red River Levees in the Campti-Clarence area and not certify, at the present time, the levees in the lower part of the parish since much of this area is subject to flooding and is already shown on the flood map which would not change even if the levees in the Cloutierville area are subsequently certified. Representatives from FEMA advised that they were aware of only one other instance wherein the Corps had allowed partial certification of levees within a system, but the proposal presented by Mr. Schiflet made sense and they agreed to discuss it with other FEMA representatives. Corkern further discussed the Channel Inspection Reports relative to the area from Marco to Montrose. He advised that Gary Eldridge had not completed his review of the channels referenced in those reports, but would do so and report to the Board. Corkern further advised the Board that a pre-construction meeting had been held with Rylee Construction Company relative to the lower Cane River project.

In other business, a Motion was made by Billy Giddens and seconded by Mark Swaford to approve the travel for Karlton Methvin and Doris Rogé to the Red River Valley Association Meeting in Shreveport.

Corkern advised the Board of the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Workshop of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to be held in Baton Rouge on May 5 and 6, 2011. Doris Rogé, Janet Jones, C. D. Brazzel, Mark Swafford and Ronald Corkern asked that they be registered for this meeting.

Robert Vercher advised that they had checked the drainage channel on Ernest Morgan's property, along with Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge advised that there was blockage next to the culvert which was DOTD's responsibility. There are also two dams further up the channel that are the responsibility of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. However, before any work can be done we will probably have to receive approval from the Corps since any repair efforts would involve a wetlands issue.

Mr. Vercher advised that his crew had completed their inspection of the gates across the levee and had determined that some gates were dragging and need to be replaced. He also advised that the trackhoe is still being worked on. He indicated that Gary Rosto had requested that we advise him where he could build his new fence. It was agreed that we would not make that decision, but instead would put Mr. Roshto in touch with David Dupré with the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Vercher further advised

that the cables on the flap gates at Clarence are rusted and do not work. He was asked to get prices relative to the repairs necessary (galvanized cables versus stainless steel) and report back to the Board.

In other business, Janet Jones made a Motion to change the monthly meeting time for the remainder of the year to 7:00 p.m. This Motion was seconded by Doris Rogé and received unanimous approval.

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

Approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2011, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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