

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
April 12, 2022  
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 in the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on April 12, 2022, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Mary Jones, Secretary  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member  
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Casey Messenger Member  
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer  
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC  
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

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

The March, 2022 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the March, 2022 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The March, 2022 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Nolan Jones to approve the March, 2022 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Trimble with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson reported that he felt we were making good progress on the Rachal and Red Bayou project. The benefit cost ratio is 3.4 and this is a good score. Goshep has recommended approval of this project.

Trimble further reported that they are limiting the area on L-20 that we are asking to clean in hopes that no mitigation will be necessary.

Trimble also reported that we are still waiting on the Department of Administration to approve letting for bids for the Ross Lake/Flat Bayou project.

The Maintenance Superintendent's report was given by Billy Dunn. Dunn advised that his crew was finishing the cleaning of Bayou Poissant, and he had turned in the long reach backhoe that we were renting. He also reported that the individual we had contracted with to trap beavers had been working with significant success.

Dunn further advised that they had sprayed all of the control structures and were currently working on the fence rows at Dell Valley.

A discussion followed regarding the venue for future board meetings. Corkern advised that the City had informed us that we could no longer use the Municipal Building. During the course of the meeting the manager of Valley Farmer Co-Op was contacted and he indicated they would have no objection to us using their office building located on Airport Road.

In other business, Corkern informed the Board that at the next meeting there would be a proposal on the agenda to roll the tax millage forward. To roll the millage forward requires a 2/3rds vote, which means 6 of the 8 Board Members will need to be present and vote in favor of rolling the millage forward.

In other business, Corkern requested that the May meeting be moved from May 10, 2022 to May 17, 2022 since both he and Tina Coffey will be out of town on the May 10 meeting date. A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Mary Jones to move the May meeting date to May 17, 2022, and to hold said meeting at the offices of Valley Farmer's CO-Op on Airport Road in the City of Natchitoches, Louisiana. This Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern advised that we had received two new estimates for building the levee gates. A Motion was made by Sklar and

seconded by Smith to award this contract to the low bidder, Johnny's Welding. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 17<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2022, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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