

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
June 10, 2008
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 June 10, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Adolph Sklar, Member
Gary Anderson, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Ronald E. Corkern, Jr., Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Ryan Ingles, DOTD

The minutes from the May 13, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Gary Anderson, seconded by Doris Rogé, the Minutes were approved.

A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar to supplement the Agenda in order to review the bids submitted for the repair to flood gates and to award a contract for said repairs. This Motion was seconded by Doris Rogé and passed unanimously. Ronald Corkern thereafter reviewed two invoices for the repairs and modifications to the flood gates. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Janet Jones, to award the contract for the repair/modification of flood gates to the low bidder, Wayne Lodridge.

The May, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Doris Rogé, the May, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher stated that his crew was continuing to bush hog the Cane River side of the Levee and advised that they were about half way through. Mr. Vercher further discussed the death of Oscar Harvey and the need to hire at least one and perhaps two full time employees. Karlton Methvin inquired as to Mr. Vercher's retirement plans and suggested the Board should consider hiring two full time employees if Mr. Vercher planned to retire within the next year. That would allow time for Mr. Vercher to train someone to take his place. Mr. Vercher further advised that Billy Dunn was interested in applying for a full time position with the Levee Board and also advised that Andy Pierce, a part time worker at the present time, was interested in working full time.

The Office Activity Report was given by Ronald Corkern. He advised that he had talked with several individuals in the State Civil Service Office to determine the necessary actions to be taken in order to fill the position of Oscar Harvey. It was determined that Mr. Harvey held the position of Mobile Equipment Operator I Heavy. Corkern advised that when he determines the exact procedure for filling this vacancy he will send a letter to all Board members so that they can inform anyone interested in the position how to apply. Corkern further advised that he had received an executed agreement by the Corps of Engineers for applying crushed lime stone to the west side of the Red River Levee.

The DOTD report was given by Ryan Ingles. Mr. Ingles advised that his office had received no further word on the additional \$800,000.00 for the Marco Flood Gates, but that the \$200,000.00 previously approved by the Legislature was expected to be received shortly after July 1, 2008. Mr. Ingles also discussed the PAL Agreement with FEMA which was on the Agenda. He recommended that the Board not approve execution of that Agreement at the present time. We have until August 5, 2008 to respond to FEMA's letter regarding certification of Levees, and consequently the matter will be placed on the July Agenda for further discussion. In the meantime, Mr. Ingles will obtain additional information with respect to what other Levee Boards are doing either independently, or in connection with local governments.

In other business, the Board discussed rolling forward the millage for the tax year 2008. Ronald Corkern explained the legal procedure and the necessity for first adopting a Resolution rolling back the millage rate, and then rolling it forward. Gary Anderson advised that he could not vote for a tax increase and specified his reasons for taking that position. Other members discussed the need to increase the Board's revenue in light of the expected cost associated with certifying the Levees in accordance with FEMA's request. On Motion made by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Janet Jones, the Board adopted, by a vote of four to one, Resolution No. 1 rolling back the millage to 3.730. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, the Board adopted Resolution No. 2 by a vote of four to one rolling forward the millage to 4.220.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 8th day of July, 2008, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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