

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 10, 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 August 10, 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
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Cliff Conine, Resident

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. A motion was made by Doris Rogé, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., to supplement the Agenda, by adding discussion of Miller Farm Road. The Motion to supplement the Agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the July, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford, seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the July, 2012 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. The Board asked Corkern to again check on the insurance premium being paid on behalf of Sherman Carter. After

further discussion, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Rayburn Smith to adopt the July, 2012 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

There was no representative from the maintenance crew present. Karlton Methvin gave a summary of what the crew had been doing, which primarily consists of cutting grass.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that he had received Corkern's email forwarding an email from John Richard with Facility & Planning. He indicated that he would review his previous cost estimates, make updated estimates and provide that information to Corkern in the next few days.

Mr. Sticker also discussed the new appropriation by the State for \$1,000,000.00 relative to the lower Cane River project. He also indicated that he had reviewed the original cost estimates and noted that the work was divided into three phases. Phase 2 is entitled the "Rachal/Red Bayou Project" and the original cost estimate was \$813,000.00. He indicated that he will work on a new cost estimate to reflect today's prices. Mr. Sticker also requested Corkern to write another letter to the Corps of Engineers regarding the Hampton flood gates. He had previously done a cost estimate in excess of \$100,000.00. We have previously requested the Corps of Engineers to fund this work on an emergency basis, but we have heard nothing back in response to our request.

Mr. Sticker also advised the Board that he had talked with Lloyd Moreau's engineer regarding the engineering drawings he had reviewed. He asked the engineer for some additional calculations. He indicated he still have some questions regarding the pipe size and the calculations Mr. Moreau's engineer had made.

Finally, Mr. Sticker advised that he had had all of the drainage maps of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District put on a CD. A copy of the CD was provided to Corkern.

Mr. Cliff Conine addressed the Board on behalf of residents accessing their properties through the use of the Miller Farm Road. Mr. Conine advised that the Police Jury was prepared to take this portion of the levee into its public road system, and of course, be responsible for maintaining same. He asked that the Board approve the request by the Police Jury to take this portion of the levee into its road system. Following a

discussion, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Rayburn Smith, directing Corkern to write a letter to the Police Jury advising that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District had No Objection to the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury taking that portion of the levee known as Miller Farm Road into the Police Jury's public road system subject to the condition that the levee profile is never diminished through perimitee use, and that the road be maintained and always made accessible to the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District, DOTD, and the Corps of Engineers. The motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Ronald Corkern advised that the Levee District had received \$1,000,000.00 in Priority One funding from the State of Louisiana. This money is for Phase 2 of the lower Cane River project.

Corkern also reviewed with the Board his letter to Mayor Lee Posey regarding the inspection by Brad Sticker of the East Natchitoches drainage ditches. In summary, our ditches are in pretty good shape and it would be cost prohibitive to redirect the flow of water west into Cane River. The primary problem with flooding is due to change in the topography since the ditches were built.

A motion was made by Mark Swafford, and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Mark Swafford, and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to come out of Executive Session and return to the regular business meeting. This Motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to appoint Billy Dunn as Foreman on a probationary basis. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 11th day of September, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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