

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
August 13, 2013  
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 13, 2013, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman  
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Gary Cox  
Allen Shephard, Edko, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the July, 2013 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith, and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the July, 2013 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2013 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the July, 2013 Financial Statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance superintendent's report was given by Billy Dunn. He advised that his crew was still working on the State levees getting them ready for inspection that would begin the following day. He indicated that the grass on all levees had been cut and they were in good shape. All of the State levees look good.

Mr. Dunn further advised that the new tractors were working great with the weights that had been placed on the front of each tractor.

In other discussion, Mr. Dunn advised that we were now purchasing dirt from a new dirt contractor. He indicated the change was made because the dirt we were receiving did not meet our needs and specifications. The Board approved this change.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that all four Cane River Lake dams would be inspected the next day. He is going to attend these inspections. He further advised that our crew would be completing its bi-annual inspection for both the State and the Corps of Engineers. This inspection will begin on September 9, 2013 and should not take more than two and a half days since all of the information is inputted into the computer.

Mr. Sticker further advised that he is continuing to work on an emergency action plan for the Natchitoches Levee District. He hopes to have that plan completed within the next sixty (60) to ninety (90) days.

There was a general discussion regarding Highway 495 in Cloutierville and the need to get the repairs for that project included in the Capital Outlay Budget. Corkern advised that he had spoken with Randy LaCaze regarding assistance in getting this included in the Capital Outlay Budget.

Mr. Sticker further informed the Board that he had received communication that day advising that the expected delivery date for the Larry Hampton flood gate was now January 13, 2014. Under the terms of our contract, the contractor has twenty (20) days from delivery to complete construction. Of course, the twenty (20) days is dependent upon the river stage and if the river is high, additional days are granted.

There was further discussion regarding the Lower Cane River gates. Corkern advised that he had researched the law, and also called an individual at the Louisiana Board of Ethics to

determine if there was any way we could negotiate with SFC Contractors for the installation of this gate. State law forbids the Levee Board from negotiating any work with SFC since the principal owner of that entity is related to Commissioner Sklar. Consequently, Mr. Sticker will prepare new plans and specifications that call for the contractor to install the flood gate only. The Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District will be responsible for providing the flood gate to the contractor for installation.

In other business, the Board discussed a request by Jim Reichmann to put a gate across the new entrance to the levee off of Hyams Road. Mr. Reichmann concern was that there are no other homes or establishments in the area and the easy access to the levee will promote night hunting. The Board discussed the request and concluded that Mr. Reichmann's concern was valid, but if the Levee Board installs a gate at this location it will be asked to install gates at numerous other locations as well. Consequently, the Board elected not to install a gate, but to advise Mr. Reichmann or anyone else interested in installing a gate that they could either do so on Parish property with permission from the Parish Government, or if they wished to install a gate within the Levee Board's servitude, then they would need to fill out a permit application.

In other business, the Board discussed the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire that had been prepared by the Board's attorney, Ronald Corkern, and provided to each Board member in advance of the meeting. Following discussion, the Board moved to adopt the Questionnaire as prepared, and to authorize the execution of same by the Board's President, Karlton Methvin, and Secretary, Janet Jones. The motion was made by Mark Swafford, and seconded by Rayburn Smith to authorize the President and Secretary to execute the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire in the form presented. The motion passed unanimously.

Following further discussion, the Board requested Corkern and Mr. Sticker to follow up on speaking with local contractors to determine if there was a contractor who could do the work for the amount estimated by the engineer or at least something close to that amount.

There being no further business to come before the Board, 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 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2013, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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

