

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 13, 2019
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, 2019, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Billy Giddens, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Doris Rogé, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jamarquis Torrente, DOTD
Joey Lemoine
Jeremy Gilbert, EDKO

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 July, 2019 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Giddens to approve the July, 2019 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2019 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to approve the July, 2019 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, the Maintenance Superintendent, gave a report on all maintenance conducted subsequent to the last meeting. He advised the Board that his crew had finished cutting all of the Federal levees and also had cut the State levees and painted the lift structures on the State levees. He further advised that they had placed cement around the structures on Richard Johnson's place to help prevent erosion. At present, they are cleaning out the ditches down south on L-15, L-15B and L-35. It has been taking them longer than expected to complete this task due to the ground being wet from prior flooding.

Dunn advised the Board that we would need to put a pipe in L-35 in order to cross from one side of the ditch to the other. After further discussion regarding this crossing, it was agreed that Brad Sticker would look at the ditch and determine the size of pipe needed.

A discussion among the entire Board ensued regarding the water leak at Clarence. Rayburn Smith had received notice that the leak was still not fixed even though the Board advised the previous Mayor several months ago that they should have the leak fixed and advised the Mayor of the costs associated with those repairs. The Board instructed Billy Dunn to call Sammy and tell him to fix the leak.

Mr. Dunn advised that Mr. Puckett had completed cutting his corn and his crew would move into this field during the next couple of weeks and finish the repairs previously started.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that the State had completed its inspection of the Federal levees. There was nothing new to report. The same power poles that infringed on the Drainage District's easement are still infringing. Overall, the levees are in really good condition. The grass was cut and everything looked really good during their inspection. Mr. Sticker advised that he expected to receive a report in the next of couple of weeks and would forward that to Ronald Corkern. Corkern was asked to copy the report to the Levee Board letterhead and send to the Corps of Engineers.

Mr. Sticker also advised that the Police Jury had received a grant for crushed stone to put on Highway 491 all the way to the end of the Parish maintenance.

Mr. Sticker further advised the Board that to replace the lift at Hamilton will cost about \$30,000.00. This is based on a quote received from Waterman.

Sticker also advised that he had talked with Paul Trimble regarding the lower Cane River flood mitigation project and Mr. Trimble advised that he had heard absolutely nothing from GOSHEP. He further advised that all of the documentation regarding by GOSHEP had been provided in a timely manner.

In other business Corkern advised that he had not checked on the cost of purchasing a new truck because he did not know the specs of the truck we wanted to buy. Corkern advised Dunn to provide him with the specs and Corkern will then determine the cost under the State contract.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 10th day of September, 2019, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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