

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 8, 2023
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 at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on August 8, 2023, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

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

The July minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the July, 2023 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2023 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. The July, 2023 was not available at the time of the meeting and will be presented for review at the meeting in September. A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones

to approve the June financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn, was absent from the meeting and his report was given by President Karlton Methvin. Methvin advised the Board that the crew had been bush hogging the levees and filling pot holes in the levee near Rodger Collums' place.

In other business, Jordan Lemoine with Edko, LLC advised that his group had finished spraying for Johnson grass and they would start spraying the top of the levees next week.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had talked with the project engineer regarding the work being done on Highway 1226. They are currently driving pilings and will begin laying hot mix next week. Shortly after that they hope to be able to open one lane, and expect to complete this project in about three months.

Paul Trimble, Engineer, advised the Board that he had participated in the inspection and agreed that all of the work was substantially complete and had been performed in a satisfactory manner. He also recommended payment of the contractor's invoice in the amount of \$105,004.46. This check will represent full payment to the contractor with the exception of the retainage held until final completion of items noted during the recent inspection. Corkern advised the Board that we had an invoice from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson in the amount of \$8,500.00 for work on this project. The Board approved payment of the Progressive invoice and the invoice from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson.

Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer, briefly discussed with the Board the various projects she had been working on. At the top of her priority list are the two setback levees that the Board needs to find money from some source to accomplish the work.

Corkern discussed with the Board his efforts to get the Corps of Engineers to at least certify the Natchitoches side of the Federal levees, and further advised that he would attempt once again to contact Barfield to discuss the current status of our certification efforts. The Corps requested additional information relative to the Natchitoches levees, and that information was provided to them this past January. To date, we have heard nothing from the Corps.

Corkern also advised that the annual audit had been conducted, and although we have not received the auditor's report, he does not expect there to be any official findings. He believes that once again we will receive a good report.

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

Approved on the 12th day of September, 2023, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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