

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 8, 2009
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 September 8, 2009, 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
Adolph Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The minutes from the August 11, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the minutes were unanimously approved.

The August, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the August, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was presently working on the levee near John Williams' place. He advised that they had bushhogged the Powhatan levee the week before, and as soon as they finish up on Williams' place, they will bushhog the Cloutierville-Chopin area.

Mr. Vercher further discussed the possibility of Andy Pearce returning to work. He advised that Andy was still on crutches and would be unable to engage a clutch with his left foot. Ronald Corkern advised that from a legal standpoint it would not be wise for the Board to approve Andy's return to work until he had a full release from the doctor inasmuch as we did not have any jobs that Andy could perform with the medical restrictions that would be placed upon him.

Mr. Vercher further discussed the problems he was having with the four-wheel drive truck which is a 2001 Ford F-250. It has a 150,000 miles on it. The Board asked Corkern to see if we could purchase a truck under a State contract and Corkern is to report at the next Board meeting.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge advised that the Corps of Engineers wanted to look at L-20 next Monday. Robert Vercher, Mr. Eldridge and Mrs. Jones agreed to accompany the Corps during their inspection.

Mr. Eldridge further advised that he had received a call from Joe Brown about putting a culvert in a ditch behind his house. Mr. Sklar stated that he was familiar with the ditch and it is actually not a ditch either owned by the Levee Board or one in which we have a servitude or easement. Mr. Sklar advised that he would talk to Joe Brown about the ditch and what needed to be done with it.

Finally, Mr. Eldridge advised that he had received a call from Fred Jacobs with the Police Jury regarding a ditch in Natchez. Karlton Methvin was familiar with the ditch and stated that he had called David Dupré with the Corps of Engineers and Mr. Dupré was going to check on that ditch.

Doris Rogé reported on the Corps inspection of the levee. She and Mrs. Jones accompanied the Corps during their inspection. She indicated that the Corps was overall pleased with the removal of obstructions that had occurred since the inspection the year before. However, the Corps did list several things that needed immediate intention, including:

- 1) At Station 64 there is a fence obstructing the levee that must be taken down by the owner;
- 2) There are several hay rolls lying within 6' of the toe of the levee that need to be removed;

- 3) Roger Collum has to remove the waterline he put through the levee and place it over the levee;
- 4) The railroad has to do something with the gate that is inoperable and cannot be closed if a flooding situation should occur;
- 5) The iron fence which is within 6' of the toe of the levee will probably receive an After-The-Fact Permit, but it must be kept clean;
- 6) The new fence by the church at Station 122.70 needs to be checked;
- 7) In Hampton Subdivision someone needs to investigate a clearing made next to the levee that may involve an excavation ditch too close to the levee; and
- 8) At Station 730 the landowner cleared land and moved debris inside the 6' servitude from the toe of the levee and this debris must be removed.

Karlton Methvin advised that he had talked with the Corps of Engineers and the contractor would start laying the rock between September 15 and September 20. Everything that hasn't already been rocked, will be rocked by the time this contract is completed. Methvin advised that he would check on the status of the tractor we had ordered and it was expected to be in within the next couple of weeks.

In new business, a resolution was offered by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, authorizing Karlton Methvin to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the State of Louisiana and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District relative to the lower Cane River area flood gates replacement program.

In other new business, the Board was given a copy of the financial statement prepared by Hines, Jackson & Hines.

Finally, the Board discussed the 69th Annual Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana which will be held in New Orleans on December 2 and 3, 2009. Corkern advised that any Board member wishing to attend should let him know immediately so that room reservations could be made.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 13th day of October, 2009, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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