

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 5, 2017
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 5, 2017, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Billy Giddens, Member
Doris Rogé, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

Corkern advised that a quorum was not present and therefore official action could not be taken.

A discussion was had regarding Change Order No. 4 and Change Order No. 5. The invoice for Change Order No. 4 was received shortly after last month's meeting needed to be paid in 30 days. A discussion among the members present regarding Change Order Nos. 4 and 5 was held. Rayburn Smith made a Motion to authorize Ronald Corkern to pay both Change Order Nos. 4 and 5 and to place both on the October meeting for ratification. After public comments offered and none received, the Motion was passed unanimously by those Board members present.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had started cutting grass last month and had prepped as far as Melrose before the rain stopped them. They also graded the top of the levee at Marco. They are keeping all of the pipes clear of debris.

Dunn informed the Board that he had closed three gates due to the recent high water. The water from Old River and Sabine Lake was backing in. Those gates were still closed as of the date of the meeting.

Dunn also had contacted the manufacturer and learned that the new gate should be received by September 14. Corkern advised that we had received an extension of time to complete the work associated with installation of the new grates.

President Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he had received a call from a gentleman living on East Fifth Street in the City of Natchitoches. This gentleman was complaining that there were a lot of limbs and debris in the ditch that runs through East Natchitoches. Karlton advised that he and Billy Dunn would look at the ditch and determine what needed to be done.

Methvin also advised the Board that he had talked with the company contracted to video the pipes. They are waiting on dry weather to complete this work.

Methvin also discussed with the Board the letter received from the Corps of Engineers regarding the most recent inspection. The Corps noted that there were five utility poles owned by SWEPCO that are encroaching on the right of way. Brad Sticker offered to go with Billy Dunn and mark every pole that the Corps says is an encroachment. Karlton Methvin advised that he had talked with Mr. Rick Nowlin, President of the Parish Police Jury, and Mr. Nowlin felt as though he could help persuade SWEPCO to move these poles.

In other business, Corkern again advised the Board of the annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Meeting in New Orleans on December 6 and 7, 2017. Anyone wishing to attend needs to contact Corkern or his secretary, Tina, within the next two weeks.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Billy Giddens and seconded by Doris Rogé to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 10th day of October, 2017, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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