

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
May 14, 2024  
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 May 14, 2024, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Kay Foshee, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member  
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Casey Messenger Member  
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, NLDD Maintenance Superintendent  
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer  
Susan Douglas, 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 April, 2024 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the April, 2024 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The April, 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the Financial Statements as provided. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew had finished cutting limbs and brush on all of the levees and had cleared out the canals.

The DOTD report was given by Jarmarquis Torrence. Torrence advised that Paul Trimble had not heard back from the Corps of Engineers regarding the wetlands issue and our ability to clean out the drainage ditch previously inquired about.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised that the tractors and bushhogs had been delivered but had not been placed in use.

Corkern reminded all of the Board Members that Financial Disclosure Statements were due the following day, May 15, 2024.

Corkern was asked if he had communicated with Senator Seabaugh regarding the confirmation and/or reappointment of Kay Foshee to the Board. Corkern advised that Senator Seabaugh did not believe Ms. Foshee's name would be on the list for confirmation by the Senate, and if that is correct, then the May meeting will be her last meeting as a Director.

Corkern also advised the Board that he had renewed our insurance through the Cunningham Insurance Agency and that the cost had increased from approximately \$26,000 to approximately \$36,000 for the same coverage. Corkern further advised that he had rejected uninsured motorist coverage and explained why. The Board confirmed the rejection of this coverage.

Methvin advised the Board that he and Corkern had called in for a scheduled conference call with the Corps of Engineers during which he asked where Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District stood on levee certification. We were advised by the Corps that would be a topic for another day. Corkern interpreted that response as meaning we are again changing the rules and what we told you a couple of months ago about certification is probably changing.

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

Approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2024, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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