

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 10, 2012
6:00 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 January 10, 2012, 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Doug Taylor, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The meeting was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes from the December 13, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the December minutes were unanimously approved.

The November and December, 2011 Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed. The members also discussed the check register. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Billy Giddens, the November and December, 2011 Financial Statements were unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was presently working on all of the flood gates. He also advised that they were waiting on the

lift nuts for the gates at the lower Cane River project and when the lift nuts were received he would coordinate with Brad Sticker relative to installation.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. First, Mr. Sticker introduced Doug Taylor with DOTD out of Baton Rouge. Mr. Taylor is going to assist Brad Sticker over the next two days in mapping all of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District Levees and pipes. This will be of great benefit to Robert's crew and to Brad in preparing our quarterly inspection reports. Mr. Sticker also inquired of Ronald Corkern as to whether document the manufacturer had faxed had been sent in order to authorize shipment of the lift nuts. Corkern advised he would check with Waterman to be certain they had everything they needed in order to ship the lift nuts immediately. Mr. Sticker further advised the Board that when the lift nuts were received he would assist Mr. Vercher and his crew with the installation.

Mr. Sticker then gave a report on his understanding of the new FEMA regulations for Levee Certification. The proposed new regulations are open now for public review and comment.

In other business, Mr. Sticker advised that two aluminum flap gates on the Marco structure had broken when we got a big rain right before Christmas. Sticker contacted the contractor for the Marco project, and the contractor in turn contacted the gate manufacturer. We are waiting to hear from the gate manufacturer as to what, if anything, he will do to help replace these gates. Sticker further advised that there was \$47,000.00 left in the original contract according to Facility and Planning. He suggested that Corkern submit a letter to Facility and Planning advising of the damage to the flood gates and asking to utilize the funds left over to effect repairs.

Karlton Methvin discussed the upcoming Red River Levee meeting in Alexandria to be held on January 25. Corkern advised he would be on vacation that week and could not attend. Mr. Methvin advised that he would attend the meeting if at all possible.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that he had met with Jerry Longlois, President of the Police Jury, to discuss grading the levee road known as Miller Farm Road on upper Cane River. The condition of this road had previously been brought to the Board's attention by Mrs. Leslie Ramien. In the meeting with Mr. Longlois, Corkern was advised that Miller Farm Road leading

up to the levee had been taken out of the Police Jury road system a number of years ago. Consequently, the Police Jury could not do any work on the road unless it was brought back into the system. Mr. Longlois advised that he was discussing the situation with adjacent owners and if the road could be brought back into the Police Jury system, then he would like to enter into a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement so that the Jury could also grade the top of the levee in this area.

There being no further business to come before Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones, seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 14th day of February, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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