

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 11, 2022
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 to order in the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on January 11, 2022, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mary Jones, Secretary
Mark Swafford, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC
Heidi Stewart, Louisiana Watershed Initiative

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The December, 2021 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Nolan Jones to approve the December, 2021 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2021 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Nolan Jones and seconded by Swaford to approve the December, 2021 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Heidi Stewart was present and recognized by President Methvin. Ms. Stewart spoke to the Board regarding the Louisiana Watershed Initiative, and the status of the project approved in the Natchitoches area.

The Maintenance Superintendent's report was given by Billy Dunn. Dunn advised that his crew had painted the gauges and replaced gates on cross fences and crowns.

Dunn further informed the Board that they had not received any other bids regarding the lower Cane River flood gates. Corkern advised that we would have to wait another month to award the bid to the one contractor that did submit a bid. Methvin asked Dunn to contact that contractor and make sure the bid was still valid.

Dunn advised that he needed to talk to the Mark Morgan, new owner of the Dell Valley property, about the fence.

Jarmarquis Torrence, engineer with DOTD, advised that he had nothing new this month.

Susan Douglas, DOTD Safety Engineer, reported on the status of the capital outlay applications.

In other business, a Motion was made by Mary Jones and seconded by Nolan Jones to approve payment of Ronald Corkern's travel during the month of December. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised that the dozer is under warranty and the air conditioner will be taken care of. The Red River Valley Annual Convention was discussed and it was decided that no one would attend this year.

Ford Stinson with Edko advised that they would be submitting the estimates for spraying this year. Stinson warned that the estimates would be considerably higher because the cost of chemicals are higher than they've ever been. He provided copies of letters from Nufarm Americas, Inc. And Bayer Environmental Science regarding the rate increases.

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

Approved on the 8th day of February, 2022, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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