

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

January 9, 2018

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 9, 2018, 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
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, EDKO
Mike Basco, EDKO
Billy Carter

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 Assistant Secretary/Attorney, Ronald E. Corkern, Jr.

A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to amend the agenda to approve payment of a bill from Paul's Plumbing to the Village of Clarence. After public comments were offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Billy Carter addressed the Board and advised that he needed a right of way to gain access to the School Board property in the southern end of the parish so that he could hunt that property. Rayburn Smith advised that apparently the only access to the School Board property was along the top of the levee and there were four private owners whose property Mr. Carter would have to cross on one end and three property owners whose property Mr. Carter would cross on the other end. Ronald Corkern, the Board's attorney, advise Mr. Carter that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District only had a servitude of maintenance for the levee and that servitude extended from the crown of the levee to 15' beyond the toe of the levee on each side. The Levee Board cannot grant a servitude of passage to anyone across private property. The levee itself, belongs to the adjacent landowner and the Levee Board's servitude only allows access to the levee for maintenance purposes. Consequently, the individual landowners have the right to place a fence across the levee on their property with a gate that limits access to the general public provided a permit is received for the placement of the fence.

The minutes of the December, 2017 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar, and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the December, 2017 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Casey Messenger to approve the December, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had taken off during the Christmas and New Years holidays. When they returned to work they cleaned up around the shop and cleaned pipes because it was too wet to get into the field. Mr. Dunn further advised that we had a lot of used scrap iron that needed to be disposed of. The scrap iron is surplus and of no use to the Levee Board. After further discussion was made a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve disposal of the scrap iron. Following public discussion, with none offered, the Motion passed unanimously and Mr. Dunn was instructed to dispose the scrap iron for the best price available.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that the State was currently surveying the area of the slide along the levee below Rachal Canal. They expect to complete the surveying this week. At the next Board meeting Mr. Sticker will be able to provide the Board with an estimate as to what it will take to repair/replace the levee in the area of the slide.

Mr. Sticker asked that Ronald Corkern check on the public assistance account relative to the flap gates at Cloutierville. The work has been completed on those flap gates within the extension of time granted by FEMA. Corkern was asked to make sure we had submitted all costs relative to the manufacture and installation of the flap gates for reimbursement.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he would look at the W-2 Channel at Allen with Billy as soon as possible and determine what needed to be done in that channel.

Sticker further advised that quarterly inspections of the levees would be conducted during the second week of March.

In new business Corkern advised the Board that the Red River Valley Association Annual Convention would be held in Bossier on February 21-22, 2018. Corkern inquired as to whether any of the Board members could attend this convention, and all members declined.

At the December Board meeting, the Board authorized the purchase of a dump trailer from DLR Enterprises for the sum of \$4,800.00. When Mr. Dunn attempted to make this purchase he learned that the dump trailer he had previously priced had been sold. Mr. Dunn thereafter obtained quotes from DLR and Enterprises and Goldman Equipment, LLC for a dump trailer. The quote received from DLR Enterprises was in the amount of \$6,575.00 and the quote received from Goldman Equipment, LLC was in the amount of \$9,100.00. The two dump trailers were identical. Following discussion by the Board and after public comments were offered and none received, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Billy Giddens to authorize the purchase of a dump trailer from DLR Enterprises for the sum of \$6,575.00.

In other new business, Corkern requested authorization to pay the invoice for membership in the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana. The annual dues equal \$1,250.00. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to authorize

payment of the ALBL annual membership dues for 2018 in the amount of \$1,250.00. After public comments were offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 13th day of February, 2018, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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