

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 9, 2018
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 October 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
Casey Messenger, Member

Board Members absent were:

Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A discussion was held regarding the September, 2018 minutes. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Swafford, and seconded by Messenger, to approve the September, 2018 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2018 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Giddens to approve the September, 2018 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

In new business, Mike DeFalco presented the 2017-2018 annual audit. Mr. DeFalco reviewed the audit in detail and advised the Jury there were no significant findings.

The maintenance report was then presented by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had cut the top bank of L-4, L-10, L-34 and the Rachal Canal. He also advised that there are two slides on Hines Road, but they have not gotten to them yet. They expect to address those slides the following week.

Dunn further advised the Board that his group had finished work on the gates at Cloutierville. They will start on the work at Ross Lake tomorrow if the weather permits. They are also working on the lifts at Flat Bayou.

According to Mr. Dunn, the State was supposed to have inspected the lower Cane River dam, but that inspection was cancelled and had not yet been rescheduled.

Dunn advised that they had removed the pipe at Mr. Lavespere's place, and consequently there is no crossing of the drainage canal at this location. He indicated some hunters who hunt the property were unhappy but, of course, they were given the opportunity to purchase a new pipe and the Levee Board would have installed the pipe for them.

They checked All of the gates by raising them up and down just to make sure they all worked. All of the lift structures on the Federal levees have been painted.

His group is currently cutting grass on the Federal levees and this will be the last time this year the grass will be cut.

There was further discussion regarding the ditch on Joe Sers property. The problem is below the driveway pipe and that is the reason water is backing up. The Board requested Mr. Dunn to speak with Mr. Sers about this problem.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, advised the Board that he had reviewed the Corps inspection report of all of the Federal levees. On the Campti-Clarence side, there was no unwanted vegetation, but the same encroachments were noted which included the monitoring wells and utility poles. The inspection report also noted the two missing bank sections, but indicated the levee at this point was minimally acceptable. All of the pipes were

noted as being unacceptable because the Corps had not reviewed the video inspections that had been provided to them.

With respect to the Natchitoches levee, the Corps noted no unwarranted vegetation. They did note encroachments which included at least 26 power poles and one parallel fence. The Corps also noted concern over the embankment next to the Sewer Treatment Plant. Finally, the report noted two slides near Louis Wellans' place.

On the non-Federal levees at Cloutierville, the report noted only overhanging trees.

Mr. Sticker advised that the State would be doing its quarter inspection on the Federal levees the following week. He also advised that Nick Verrett was going to submit the Marco slide in a Capital Outlay request. Corkern will add this request to our annual request for funding.

In other business, Mr. Methvin advised the Board that he had received a call from Mr. Dalme at Cloutierville. Mr. Dalme wanted the Board to build a ramp onto the levee on his property. Methvin advised Mr. Dalme that he did not think the Board could legally do this, but referred him to the Board's attorney, Ronald Corkern. Corkern confirmed that we could not legally do that.

Methvin also advised the Board that the lease on our dozer expires at the end of November. The Board agreed that we should enter into a lease under the State contract with H&E Equipment Services. Corkern was also requested to advise H&E that we are exempt from the payment of property taxes. Following further discussion regarding the purchase/lease of a dozer, a Motion was made by Giddens and seconded by Swafford to approve the State contract lease for a Komatsu Dozer in the amount of \$2,491.54 a month. This Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern then advised the Board of the annual meeting of the Levee Boards of Louisiana in New Orleans on December 5 and 6. The Board requested Corkern make reservations for Casey Messenger, Karlton Methvin and Corkern.

A Motion was then made by Jones and seconded by Rogé to change the monthly meeting time to 6:00 p.m., beginning November 13, 2018.

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

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

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