

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 10, 2009
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 November 10, 2009, 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
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Sheppard, SprayMax

The minutes from the October 13, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, the minutes were unanimously approved.

The October, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion of Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Billy Giddens, the October, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was presently working at Melrose. They had a little more dirt to spread in that area.

His crew continues to watch the water level and check the various gates. The gates at Clarence are closed except for the structure near Billy Giddens' property.

Archie Dalme was present at the meeting and asked about the gate by Gary Roshto's property and also the Lemoine place and Roger Collum place. He was advised that these gates are flap gates and therefore there is no need to manually open or close these gates.

Alan Sheppard advised that he would send a letter to Ronald Corkern setting forth his proposal relative to what needed to be sprayed in the future, and the cost.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge discussed his inspection of the Bethel Baptist Church and the fact that the problem area has nothing to do with anything the Levee Board is responsible for. Mr. Eldridge also advised that he had inspected the ditch on the Roque property and determined that the ditch is only several 100' and is not currently in the Levee Board system. Since the ditch would only service a relatively small area and very few property owners, the Board decided not to take this ditch into the system and be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep.

Mr. Eldridge further advised that he had met in Corkern's office along with Karlton Methvin, and they had filed a capital outlay request for additional money to complete the Marco Flood gates. There is sufficient money to start developing plans and specifications and to complete at least one of the gates. The DOTD will begin developing plans and specs, and hope to be in a position to bid this project by the spring of 2010.

In new business, the Board discussed the purchase of a new truck. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Charles Brazzel, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of a new truck and to instruct Corkern to purchase the truck pursuant to the State contract, or the Alexandria contract.

Also under new business, Robert Vercher was advised that Ken Guidry was ready for Mr. Vercher's crew to clean his property adjacent to the levee. Mr. Methvin advised that he had talked to Ken Guidry, and Guidry had removed all of the fence posts and had no objection to us cleaning the trees and other debris.

In other new business, Mr. Methvin advised that there had been reported to him a levee slide near Powhatan. Gary Eldridge advised that he will inspect this area when the water goes down.

Under old business, it was confirmed that Doris Rogé, Karlton Methvin and Ronald Corkern will attend the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting in New Orleans on December 2 and 3.

Also in old business, on motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Mark Swafford, the Board unanimously approved the capital outlay request for additional funds to complete the replacement of the Marco Flood Gates.

On motion made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the Board voted unanimously to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing personnel issues.

On motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the Board voted to return to the regular session and to then adjourn.

Approved on the 8th day of December, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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