

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
November 13, 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 November 13, 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  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.  
Billy Dunn, Foreman

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the October, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the October, 2012 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The October, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the October, 2012 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew was now through with grass cutting for this year. They are presently working on L-4A ditch. They will

complete their work removing spoil dirt with the dozer by the end of this week. There was discussion among the Board members as to what should be done with the spoil dirt. In the past the Board has had to purchase dirt to fill cow trails and areas where the dirt has washed away. We are currently stockpiling spoil dirt at Gary Hargis' place. However, it costs \$65.00 an hour for a dump truck to move the dirt from the ditch to the storage area. Mr. Dunn pointed out that the dirt being removed from the ditch would make good fill as opposed to the sand we have purchased in the past. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to pay the cost of moving the dirt and stockpiling same for use in the future. The Motion passed unanimously. Karlton Methvin advised that he would contact Gary Hargis and tell him to move the rest of the dirt and stockpile it.

Mr. Dunn further reported that the cylinder on the excavator needed to be reworked. He received a price from Head & Enquist of \$1,495.50 to have the cylinder completely rebuilt on site. It was determined that it would cost approximately \$500.00 to have the excavator moved from its current location to the Head & Enquist shop in Alexandria. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to authorize Head & Enquist to make repairs to the excavator on site at a cost of \$1,495.50. The Motion passed unanimously.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that the lower Cane River structure plans and specifications have been finalized. They will be stamped and sent to Ronald Corkern. The engineer's estimate for repairs is right at \$49,000.00. We have approximately \$40,000.00 left over from the previous appropriation by the Legislature. Sticker advised the Board that he had talked with John Richard at Facility & Planning. Richard indicated that it would not be necessary to bid the project and that we could obtain three quotes. Once we receive three quotes we will submit them together with the final plans and specs to Mr. Richard for his approval and authorization to enter into a contract for the repairs.

Mr. Sticker then discussed the Larry Hampton flood gates. He advised that the plans and specifications have been completed. He provided a copy to Corkern and indicated that he would set a meeting during the next two weeks with Corkern, Karlton Methvin and Billy Dunn to review the plans and specifications and discuss any changes the group felt might be appropriate. The engineer estimates this work at approximately \$93,000.00. Corkern will

check the current law to make sure we can get three estimates for this work and to make sure that it is not necessary to bid this work. It is believed that we only have to have three estimates. The threshold at this time is believed to be \$150,000.00 for bid requirements.

Mr. Sticker also advised the Board that he had completed work in determining the appropriate pipe size for Channel L-11 on the Potmesil property. Corkern was requested to send a letter to Mr. Potmesil advising him of the pipe size that would be needed.

Finally, Mr. Sticker reviewed with the Board the recent inspection report of the State levees.

In other business, the Board requested Corkern to send another letter to Lloyd Moreau asking when he intends to complete the work approved in his permit application.

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 11<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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