

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 8, 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 at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on November 8, 2022, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC
Kyle Hudson, KNH Trucking and Contracting, LLC

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 October, 2022 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to approve the October, 2022 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The October September, 2022 was not ready and will be presented at the next meeting.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew was finishing up on clipping all of the federal levees. They have also de-watered all of the pipes so we could have them videoed. Most of the video work has been completed. There is one pipe left to video.

Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had called the Corps of Engineers and asked if the area where the Corps thought we had less than 2' of freeboard was near the lock and dam. The Corps said that is not the area they were looking at. They are looking at an area off of Hargis Road. On the Clarence side of the levee, the Corps is saying that most of the area from Grand Ecore to Campti is low.

Paul Trimble reported on the progress of those projects he is currently dealing with. In connection with his discussion, Corkern advised the Board that Chris Haftek with the Department of Administration had taken Margaret Hill's place, and now wanted a letter saying that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District would be responsible for any change orders associated with the two projects that had been combined into one. Mr. Haftek wanted a letter saying that we would be responsible for any change orders exceeding the \$915,000.00 to be contributed by the State. Sklar pointed out that Resolution No. 5 specifically said that we would be responsible for any change orders which made the total project exceed that amount. After further discussion, the Board agreed that if, in fact, Mr. Haftek required a letter to that affect in addition to the Resolution previously passed, then Corkern was authorized to send that letter.

In other business, Corkern presented the Board with an invoice from Randy LaCaze for preparation of the Capital Outlay application. The invoice was in the amount of \$1,925.00. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Swafford to authorize payment of the invoice received from Mr. LaCaze. The Motion passed unanimously.

President Karlton Methvin then read the bids for replacing the railing around the gates at Hampton Lake. There was a discussion regarding the size of the railing that was being quoted and the Board determined that the size of the railing quoted was not sufficient. The Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to reject all bids. The Board then asked Trimble to review the project and prepare specifications for the

handrails, at which time the Board would make another request for proposals.

Ford Stinson advised that Edko personnel had finished spraying everything and right now everything looked good.

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

Approved on the 13th day of December, 2022, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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