

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
February 12, 2008  
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 February 12, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Roge`, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr., Member  
Alfred Bruning, Member  
Joseph Ned Henry, Jr., Member  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Ronald E. Corkern, Jr., Attorney/Assistant Secretary  
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent  
Allen Shepherd, SprayMax  
Mel Hicks, DOTD  
Earl Townsend, Natchitoches Parish Police Jury  
Fred Jacobs, Natchitoches Parish Police Jury

The minutes from the January 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Doris Roge`, seconded by Janet Jones, the Minutes were approved. The January, 2008 Financial Statement was then reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Janet Jones, the January, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

Earl Townsend and Fred Jacobs, Police Jurors from the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury, addressed the Board with a request that the Board either lease or sell property owned by the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District in Cloutierville to the

Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for use as a trash compactor station. Mr. Townsend advised that other leases for trash compactor sites were for two (2) years at \$2,000.00 per year, with two (2) five-year options in favor of the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Giddens, requesting the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury to provide a proposed written lease to the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District for consideration at its March meeting.

The Maintenance report was then given by Mr. Vercher. The crew has been working on the bushhogs, getting them ready for use in the spring and summer. The Miller Levee has been graded, but additional grading has been delayed due to wet weather. The crew truck is making a roaring sound and Mr. Vercher will have it checked.

The Office Activity Report was given by Ronald Corkern, and he advised that Health Insurance Premiums for December, 2007 and January, 2008 had not been paid, which resulted in a temporary denial of one employee's benefits. However, the matter was resolved within hours and all insurance premiums are believed to be current.

Under new business, Karlton Methvin reported on the FEMA Meeting in Alexandria. The Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District should receive a letter from FEMA within the next 30 days asking the Board to certify that the levees within the Natchitoches District will pass certification by the Corps of Engineers and FEMA. Once the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District represents to FEMA that its levees are believed to be certified, we will have two years to produce evidence of certification.

The Board then discussed the 2007 Annual Inspection Report prepared by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers, which report was dated January 18, 2008. The Report noted several deficiencies and allowed the Board ninety (90) days in which to provide a Plan of Action to correct the deficiencies. Thereafter, the Board will have two (2) years to implement the Plan of Action. Karlton Methvin will contact Neil Lewis with the Corps of Engineers for future explanation of the necessary Plan of Action and request assistance, and to determine what assistance might be available from a monetary and labor standpoint to implement the Plan of Action.

Mel Hick gave the DOTD Report and informed the Board that preparation for replacement of the lower Cane River flood gate was continuing with a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement prepared by the Attorney General's Office being circulated. He indicated that preliminary plans would be available by the next meeting, and hopefully the project could be put out for bids within two (2) months. He is going to follow-up through his office to determine what is necessary to actually have the money flow from the State to the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District.

In other business, the Board was made aware of the Annual Training Workshop conducted by the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to be held May 1-2, 2008 in Baton Rouge. Doris Roge' and Janet Jones stated they would attend the Workshop. Others were advised to notify Ronald Corkern if they desired to attend the Workshop so that he could make the appropriate reservations.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 11th day of March, 2008, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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