

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
March 11, 2014  
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 March 11, 2014, 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  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Billy Dunn, Foreman  
Alan Sheppard

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 minutes of the February, 2014 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Janet Jones, and seconded by Billy Giddens, to approve the February, 2014 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The February, 2014 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the February, 2014 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was also made by Mark Swafford to amend the agenda to extend the contract time for completion of the repairs to the Larry Hampton floodgate repairs project by TKTMJ, Inc. This Motion was seconded by Billy Giddens. Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A discussion was then had regarding the status of the Larry Hampton floodgate repairs. The Board was advised that most of the work had been completed, but the contractor could not finalize the work until receipt of certain parts from the manufacturer. The original contract called for twenty (20) days to complete all of the work. Once the contractor went onsite, the work was performed in three (3) days. The contractor requested an extension of seventeen (17) days from the receipt of the parts and a Motion to this effect was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Mark Swafford. The Board voted unanimously to extend the contract seventeen (17) days from receipt of the parts from the manufacturer.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew was on the west side of the levee and working south trimming trees. The levee in the area of the sewage treatment plant has been degraded. Field dirt needs to be added and graded. Mr. Dunn informed the Board that his crew could do the work themselves, but needed permission to buy dirt for the field. He also advised that there was a dirt pit nearby and he would try to determine who owned the pit and what the cost of dirt would be.

Mr. Dunn also advised the Board that there is a ramp next to Allen Solomon's place that has also been degraded and needs some work done. They will probably need a load of dirt there as well. The Board authorized Mr. Dunn to make the necessary repairs, including the purchase of dirt.

Mr. Dunn also advised that some old cutters and a spray buggy needed to be disposed of. He indicated that they had little, if any, value. Corkern advised that the Board they would need to declare the cutters and spray buggy surplus property and they could then be disposed of at the local auction if we desired to do so, or in the alternative Mr. Dunn could solicit three bids and we could sell to the highest bidder. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford, and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. To declare the equipment surplus and authorize Billy Dunn to sell to the highest bidder or take to local auction. The Motion pass unanimously.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker inquired as to whether the Board had received a letter from the Corps of Engineers regarding the Sers application for a permit. Corkern indicated that a letter had been received and he would check to make certain it had been forwarded to Mr. Sers. Mr. Sticker further advised that DOTD had issued a letter of no objection regarding the Sers permit application.

Mr. Sticker also reviewed his recommendation for maintenance of Channel L-20. He reviewed area photographs taken recently versus a number of years ago. It is apparent that water has been impounded on the lower end of Channel L-20 and this condition did not exist in the earlier area photograph. He advised that the first step would be to contact the landowner where the water is impounding and request him to open the dam that is causing the water to back up. The next step will be to hire a consulting firm to perform a wetland delineation along the channel. Following discussion, the Board requested Mr. Sticker to obtain cost estimates for the consulting firm and provide those estimates as well as the names of several firms that provided this service at the next Board meeting. The owner of the land in question is Mr. Sonny Johnson. Rayburn Smith advised that he knew Mr. Johnson and had a contact phone number for him. He indicated that he would give the phone number to Mr. Corkern.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had inspected Channel L-10. They met with the landowner and he is agreeable to everything we had recommended.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he is developing a plan of action for Channel L-30. This is the channel near Judge Harrington's property. He will present the plan of action to the Board as soon as it is completed.

Sticker also advised the Board that he had been in touch with the contractor, Tom Tubre, relative to the Larry Hampton floodgate repairs. The contractor has replaced the gate but cannot complete his work until he receives seals and o-rings from the manufacturer.

In other business, Mr. Sticker discussed the plans for Louisiana Highway 495/Cloutierville repairs. He advised that he expected to have plans and specifications for the repairs available for the next Board meeting. He would also provide Corkern with a draft of a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement to be entered into between the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District

and Louisiana DOTD. Corkern advised that he would review the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement and make any changes he felt necessary.

In other business, Doris Rogé reported on her attendance at the Red River Valley Association annual convention in Shreveport. A general discuss was held on the various subject matters discussed at the convention.

A Motion was then made by Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to change the meeting time of the monthly meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. Following discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2014, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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