

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 9, 2010
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 9, 2010, 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
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Sheppard, Edko, LLC
Rev. Ron Thompson, Guest

After reviewing the agenda, Motion was made by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, to supplement the agenda by adding thereto the approval of an estimate by Lodrigue Welding Service to build and install a cover for the hydraulic lines on the John Deere Tractor. The Motion to supplement the agenda was approved unanimously.

The minutes for the February 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the February minutes were unanimously approved.

The February, 2010 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet

Jones, the February, 2010 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that they had been working on beaver dams, and when they finished there they would need to find out from Gary Rostho if they could clean his property. Mr. Vercher further advised that he had inspected the drainage ditch adjacent to Tony Hernandez's property and there were several large trees that were overhanging Mr. Hernandez's home. Vercher advised that he was afraid to cut the trees because of the close proximity to Mr. Hernandez's home and suggested that we contract with a professional tree service to do the work. The Board instructed Corkern to contact Walker Tree Service and Bynog Tree Service to obtain quotes for cutting the trees in Bayou Passon overhanging the Hernandez home.

Vercher further advised that they were having trouble the Komatsu Dozer. Corkern advised they had recently received a bill for repair work in the amount of approximately \$2,200.00. Mr. Vercher advised that the repair work that was completed did not fix the problem. Corkern advised he would not pay the bill until the repair work was completed.

Rev. Ron Thompson appeared as a guest at the meeting. Rev. Thompson is the pastor of Trinity Baptist Church. There is a drainage ditch which runs behind the church and separates the sanctuary from a church parking lot. Rev. Thompson inquired as to what kind of permission he would need in order to build a foot bridge across the drainage ditch in order to connect the parking lot with the sanctuary. Gary Eldridge was present at the meeting and promised to meet with Rev. Thompson to review the area and determine what kind of foot bridge would be appropriate. Once that was determined Rev. Thompson was advised that he would need to complete a permit application.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. He advised that he had received Ralph Ingram's permit application back. Mr. Ingram has apparently changed his plans and is going to build his fence all the way to the corner. He is not going to build a flap gate anymore. Mr. Eldridge further advised that there was a meeting on Thursday consisting of DOTD personnel wherein they would discuss a consolidation of the coastal resources offices with those of the water resources section.

Ronald Corkern gave the office activity report. He gave an update relative to levee certification. A group from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would be meeting with congressmen and senators in Washington in March. There has been legislation introduced which would provide money for the Corps of Engineers to certify the levees and also other legislation which would extend the period of time Levee Boards had to meet the certification requirements.

Corkern advised that he would follow up with Hixson Auto Plex to determine the status of the Ford F250 Truck that had been previously ordered.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he had inspected Roger Collum's place, along with David Dupré. Mr. Dupré advised that the waterline was extending through the levee and would have to be removed. The waterline is going to have to be placed over the levee. Following further discussion the Board requested Corkern to write a letter to Roger Collum. Methvin further advised that he had talked with Bob Outlaw regarding a beaver dam in a ditch in Powhatan. Outlaw was going to dig out the beaver dam and send the bill to the Board for consideration of payment. He further advised that he had talked with David Dupré and we should be getting our inspection reports within the next week. Finally, Mr. Methvin advised that our tractor should be here within the next month.

Under new business, the Board considered a proposal from Edko, LLC for spraying. Following discussion, a motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to accept the proposal of Edko, LLC for spraying services. The motion passed unanimously.

The Board then reviewed a quote from Red River Specialties, Inc. for a portable sprayer that fits into a pickup truck. The portable sprayer could be delivered to Natchitoches for a total cost of \$3,300.00. This amount was significantly less than the previous quote received from another source. On motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to authorize the purchase of the portable sprayer from Red River Specialties, Inc.

The Board then discussed whether to hire part time help for this coming summer. It was determined that we would not need any part time before the April meeting, and consequently the issue

was tabled and Corkern was requested to put the matter back on the April agenda.

On Motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the Board voted to adjourn.

Approved on the 13th day of April, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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