

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
MARCH 14, 2017  
7:00 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 14, 2017, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Doris Rogé, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.  
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the February, 2017 meeting were read and discussed. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Swafford, and seconded by Jones, to approve the February, 2017 minutes. Methvin, Jones, Giddens, and Smith voted to pass the Motion, with no nay votes.

The February, 2017 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve the

February, 2017 financial statement. Methvin, Jones, Giddens, Swafford, and Smith voted to pass the Motion, with no nay votes.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Dunn advised they had been filing in holes caused by the hogs. Also had been working on several locations that were rough and didn't have rock. They were having to plow the areas and rework them to smooth them out.

Mr. Dunn advised that Nugget Dam has a place that washes out all the time and he had Hargis bring in rift raft to help with that problem. They had removed trees on the McNeely property and were removing limbs at Melrose.

Dunn also advised that they are still having problems in areas where 4 wheel drives are tearing up the levee. He was wondering if gates could be put back up. The Board advised Dunn to have cameras installed.

Dunn further advised that the trackhoe was very old and having to be worked on continuously. It is a 1996 model. The Board advised Dunn to get bids on purchasing as well as leasing a new one for the next Board meeting.

Dunn requested permission from Smith to put a gate on his property where the levee crossed the highway so that they could get their machines through and Smith approved that request.

The DOTD report was given by Mr. Brad Sticker, DOTD engineer. He advised that the permit request from Gulf South had been approved.

Mr. Sticker informed the Board that they had received a good report for the Powhatan/Cloutierville inspection. He did stated that there are some areas in Powhatan where the bank is sloughing off and they are fixing to lose some of the bank as a result of it caving in. They need to move the levees back.

Sticker advised that at 495 they were still working on lifting the frame. He also informed the Board that the CORPS annual inspection for the Natchitoches levees is July 31 through August 4, 2017; and August 14, 2017 through August 18, 2017 for the Campti-Clarence levees.

Mark Swafford reported on his attendance at the 91<sup>st</sup> Red River Valley Association Annual Convention. He stated that they

talked about the hog population and that it was a common problem. Also expansion was talked about. Ken Guidry was honored at the meeting for his service.

Mr. Methvin advised the Board the Financial Disclosure Statements for 2016, as well as their online training was due by May 15, 2017.

Mr. Methvin further advised that the adoption of the millage rate(s) would be voted on during the next meeting and reminded the Board they would need a quorum to get this passed.

The Board had received the annual contract from Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve the contract for 2017 with Johnson, Thomas & Cunningham. The Motion was passed with Methvin, Jones, Giddens, Swafford, and Smith voting yes, with zero votes against.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Smith to adjourn. Methvin, Jones, Giddens, Swafford, and Smith voted in favor of the Motion, with no votes against.

Approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2017, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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**RONALD E. CORKERN, JR.,**  
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