

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
May 11, 2010
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 May 11, 2010, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Ronald Corkern, Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
C.D. Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Sheppard, Edko, LLC

The minutes for the April 13, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the April minutes were unanimously approved.

The March and April, 2010 Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, the March and April Financial Statements were approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. He advised that they were presently bushhogging on the Clarence Levee. They had also cleaned part of Charles Seaman's place, but

had some additional work to do there. Mr. Vercher further reported that the latest inspection report from the Corps of Engineers indicates some additional areas of encroachment of the right of way on Ken Guidry's property. Vercher will contact Guidry and make arrangements for our employees to clean this area.

Vercher also reported that the new tractor is doing good. The new spray tank is working fine. They are still having trouble with the dozer. They called Head & Enquist and they came out and worked on it, but when the worker got there the dozer was operating properly. It is difficult to determine what is causing the malfunction when it is operating properly when the mechanic inspects it.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. He advised that he had talked with Mr. Filly about the gate at Darla Dunn's place and told him to file a permit application for this gate. The gentleman wants to put in a 30' gate. He also advised that DOTD was still working on plans for the Marco Flood Gates. Hopefully, those plans will be finalized in the next 30 to 60 days.

The office activity report was given by Ronald Corkern. He advised that he and Gary Eldridge had submitted a WRDA request for levee certification and a separate request for replacement of the lower Cane River flood protection structures. It is unlikely that either of these requests for funds will be granted, but there is no possibility the requests will be granted if an application is not made. Corkern further advised that the new truck was in, and Mr. Vercher was given a check in payment of the truck and requested to make arrangements to pick up the truck at his earliest convenience.

Corkern also reported on an upcoming meeting with a representative from Senator Mary Landrieu's office regarding the issue of levee certification.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he did not have anything new to report. He had talked with David Dupré with the Corps of Engineers regarding removal of the fence at Gary Roshto's place. Mr. Dupré advised that he personally was in agreement that removal of the trees would cause a bigger erosion problem than presently existed and therefore he had recommended that the trees be left. However, Mr. Dupré had not yet received a response to this issue.

Doris Rogé and Janet Jones reported on the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting held in Baton Rouge on May 6 and 7. The hot topic was again levee certification. Two Bills currently proposed in Congress were discussed. However, neither of these Bills really addresses the issue of who has the responsibility for levee certification. Instead, the Bills delay the effect of levee certification. This doesn't solve the problem, but instead simply kicks the can down the road a little further.

In other new business, Corkern advised the Board that it needed to determine whether or not it wanted to pay for uninsured motorist coverage on its auto liability insurance. Corkern explained the effect of UM coverage and advised that most corporate entities and/or employers do not provide UM coverage since their responsibility to an injured employee is to pay workers' compensation benefits. On Motion by Rayburn Smith, seconded by Doris Rogé, the Board voted unanimously to reject uninsured motorist coverage on their auto liability policy.

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

Approved on the 8th day of June, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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