

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
May 10, 2016  
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 10, 2016, 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  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Billy Dunn, Foreman  
Jeremy Gilbert, 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 April, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar, and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the April, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The April, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Billy Giddens and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the April, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was then given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn reviewed with the Board the work performed by his crew since the last Board meeting. He advised that at the present time they were working on Highway 6 towards Clarence cleaning trees and debris between the road and the levee. He advised that his crew had cleaned up the debris from the high water in March, but when the water came back up in late April the debris was deposited again and will have to be cleaned again.

A discussion followed regarding application for FEMA funds related to debris removal. Mr. Dunn and Mr. Corkern were of the opinion that the cost related to the March flood had to be submitted to FEMA by May 9. Mr. Methvin believed that there was an extension to June. Corkern advised that we had already submitted to FEMA a cost estimate for debris removal related to the March flood and that if given an extension or new date related to the April flooding, we would submit that as well.

Mr. Dunn advised that they had opened all of the gates, but when the water came back up in Red River due to the April flooding, they had to shut all of the gates again. They will continue to watch the river and as it falls they will begin opening the gates again.

They will continue to cut grass and groom the levees in preparation for the Corps inspection.

Mr. Sticker, DOTD engineer, presented to the Board the preliminary cost estimates for the damaged pipe repairs. The total estimated cost is \$565,742.50. However, this is a very rough estimate since they cannot make an accurate determination as to what repairs will be necessary until the river falls enough for him to actually inspect the pipes.

A discussion followed regarding the repairs needed at Chivary Dam. The water is still too high to make an accurate determination as to what repairs will be necessary. However, the Board discussed various methods of repairing the pipe at Chivary Dam based upon different assumptions regarding the expected damage that will be found when the water recedes enough to allow a detailed inspection. The Board requested Mr. Sklar to contact Regional Construction and accompany Regional's representative to inspect Chivary Dam and discuss the work needed and the cost. Mr. Sklar will report back to the Board.

Mr. Sticker also advised that they were going to try to get the Powhatan levee inspected this week. The inspection has been scheduled previously, but was postponed because of the weather.

Mr. Sticker further advised that DOTD would finish surveying the Campti setback levee after he determines the appropriate lines for the levee. At that time he will be in a better position to prepare a cost estimate of building this setback levee.

Finally, Mr. Sticker advised that the contractor was monitoring the water level at Louisiana Highway 495 and would mount the gates as soon as the water went down enough to allow them to do so.

Karlton Methvin, Janet Jones and Doris Rogé discussed their attendance at the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's workshop in Baton Rouge. Methvin and Corkern advised the Board that they had visited with Senator Long and learned that there would be no capital outlay money for any projects, including the Levee Board's application for capital outlay funds to make repairs at Cloutierville.

Corkern reminded the Board that the adoption of the millage rate would be on the agenda at next month's meeting. In order to roll the millage forward, a two-thirds vote of the Board members would be necessary.

Corkern also advised the Board that we had received FEMA funds related to cost associated with the June, 2015 flood. These funds totaled \$88,790.15.

In further business, Corkern advised the Board that Charles Brazzel, Jr. had previously resigned his appointment to the Board and consequently if we wish to make a recommendation for his replacement we should do so in the near future. The Board discussed several individuals and President Methvin was requested to contact one or more of the individuals to determine if they would be interested in serving on the Board if appointed.

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

Approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2016, at Natchitoches,  
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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