

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
June 12, 2012
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 June 12, 2012, 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Maintenance
Alan Shepherd, Edko, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. A motion was made by Mark Swafford, seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to supplement the Agenda by adding an Executive Session to discuss personnel issues related to the retirement of Robert Vercher. The Motion to supplement the Agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the May, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Janet Jones, seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to approve the May, 2012 minutes. The Motion carried unanimously.

The May, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed, as was the April, 2012 financial statement, which statement had not been prepared prior to the previous month's Board meeting. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the financial statements for both April and May, 2012. This Motion passed unanimously.

During the discussion of the financial statements a Board member advised that Mildred Harvey, the wife of Billy Harvey, had passed away. Billy Harvey was a previous employee of the Levee Board and we have been paying a life insurance premium for Mrs. Harvey in the amount of \$438.82. The Board requested Ronald Corkern to advise the State of Louisiana of the demise of Mrs. Harvey and to complete any necessary paperwork to discontinue premium payments. The Board also requested Corkern to determine why the insurance premium payment we were paying on behalf of Sherman Carter, a former employee, was more than the insurance premium being paid on some current employees. Corkern will report back at the next Board meeting.

Billy Dunn then addressed the Board regarding maintenance. He advised that the crew was still cutting grass. They had started at Hargis Road and were working south. They recently pulled the tongue out of the bushhogging and have ordered a replacement that should be by this coming Friday. At the present time they are not doing any dirt work. He also advised that they had crossed over Roger Collum's driveway without any problem. This was an issue that had been discussed at the previous Board meeting.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that we were going to get an unsatisfactory rating on the Campti Levee because of the missing piece of levee. This is the same area that has passed inspection for many years because of the high bank. Brad has had DOTD resurvey the area and has submitted this survey to the Corps. He is going to try to have the levee redrawn in the National Levee Database which will take out the need for a levee at that point because of the height of the bank.

Mr. Sticker also advised the Board that the oil company that owns the test wells at Campti is trying to get an After-the-Fact Permit for those wells. The wells are licensed with the State, but the company never requested a permit from the Corps.

He also advised that he had previously sent to Ronald Corkern a letter he had written regarding the repair work that

needed to be done on the lower Cane River flood gates at Marco and asked that Corkern forward to Mr. John Richard with Facility & Planning in Baton Rouge in hopes of getting the remainder of the funds originally allocated to the project so that those funds could be used for the necessary repairs.

The Board also discussed the letter received from Mr. Lloyd Moreau regarding the blockage of the L-12 channel where it crosses Mr. Moreau's property. Mr. Moreau advised that he was going to contact an engineer to provide a drainage assessment, and would provide that information to the Board with an application for a Permit. The Board suggested that we place this on the agenda for the next month and if we had not received anything from Mr. Moreau we should follow up on the progress he is making.

A report was given by Alan Shepherd regarding the work his company was doing. He advised that they had begun spraying the ditches, and after they complete that they would start spraying the levees.

Ronald Corkern advised the Board that it was necessary to submit a letter to the Governor recommending three (3) individuals for appointment to the Cane River Waterway Commission. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Mark Swafford to nominate Chad Methvin, Danny Matt and Patrick Churchman. This Motion passed unanimously and Corkern was directed to forward a letter to the Governor's office with these recommendations.

Corkern also advised that he had been approached by the Mayor concerning the drainage ditches in East Natchitoches. Corkern was advised that approximately five or six years ago the City and the Levee Board had worked together to clean all of the drainage ditches in East Natchitoches and it was believed that these ditches needed to be cleaned again. The Board asked Billy Dunn to meet with Michael Braxton of the City to look at the ditches and determine what could be done to assist.

The Board then reviewed the Periodic Performance Report relative to Dennis Antee, Sr. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the Report. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by Mark Swafford and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The Motion passed unanimously and the Board went into Executive Session. Following the Executive Session the Board reconvened and a Motion was made by Janet Jones, and seconded by

Doris Rogé, to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 10th day of July, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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