

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
July 12, 2011
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 July 12, 2011, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Nick Verrett, DOTD Engineer
Robert Vercher
Alan Sheppard

The minutes from the June 14, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, the June minutes were unanimously approved.

The June, 2011 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the June, 2011 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Nick Verrett advised that Board that Gary Eldridge would no longer be our resident engineer inasmuch as he had been transferred to a position in Tallulah. For the time being Mr. Verrett will be our DOTD representative.

Mr. Verrett further advised that Ryan Ingles with DOTD will take over supervision of the lower Cane River project. With respect to that project, Mr. Verrett advised that the contractor, Rylee Contracting, Inc. had finally found soil that hopefully would meet project specifications. The soil was currently at the lab to be tested and we hoped to receive favorable test results next week. He further advised that Rylee Contracting will submit a Change Order that will result in an overrun of \$80,000.00. However, Facility and Planning had confirmed that the project has \$120,000.00 in a contingency fee fund and therefore it will not actually cost the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District any money out of its funds. The cost overrun is due to site conditions and a Plan error in the quantity of steel and concrete necessary to complete the project.

Corkern advised the Board that he had received an email from Bill Vollman with Rylee Contracting, Inc. advising that his company had accepted delivery of the slip lining pipe at the project site. The email further indicated that Rylee Contracting would begin mobilizing construction equipment to the project site on Tuesday, July 12, 2011 and work operation would begin later this week.

Robert Vercher advised that they were winding up their preparation of the levees for inspection. He advised there was a little more grass to cut around the Hampton place and following that his crew will move to the other side of the river. He stated that the grass on the Campti Levee needs to be cut and that he had talked with Mr. Conlay who had previously cut that grass for hay. However, Mr. Conlay indicated that it was not tall enough now for him to cut. Consequently, Robert's crew will cut the grass so that it will look good for next week's inspection by the Corps of Engineers and then the next time the grass needs cutting Mr. Conlay will cut it for hay.

Mr. Corkern advised that following last month's meeting he had again written to Roger Collum advising him that the waterline that extended through the levee at his home would have to be removed and reinstalled in accordance with the permit he had received from DOTD and the Corps of Engineers. Mr. Collum thereafter met with Mr. Corkern at Corkern's office and obtained a diagram furnished by DOTD indicating how the waterline should be placed and the appropriate slope. He advised Mr. Corkern that he would have this work completed within the next couple of weeks. Mr. Vercher reported that Mr. Collum had in fact

completed the work and he felt the line would now meet with approval by the Corps of Engineers.

Mrs. Doris Rogé reported that Mr. Danny Matt had placed new soil in the area of the waterline which the Corps of Engineers had reported last year was unsatisfactory. He also improved the slope. Mr. Vercher advised that he had inspected the area and thinks his tractors will now be able to cut the grass on the slope and the repair work performed by Mr. Matt should meet the approval of the Corps of Engineers.

Alan Sheppard advised that his company had almost completed their spraying. There was a little piece parallel to Highway 6 that they need to complete, but should be through with it by midmorning the following day. After that, his employees will start spraying near Marco as soon as they finish cutting the hay in that area. Mr. Vercher advised that they should be through cutting hay in that area by the following day.

Under new business, the Board discussed the Corps of Engineers' inspection scheduled for July 20-21. Mr. Corkern was asked to contact David Dupré and determine where and at what time the inspection would begin. Corkern will write a letter to each of the Board members advising so those members who wish to participate in the inspection will be able to do so.

Also under new business was a public discussion regarding the 2011-2012 budget. Following a discussion on the budget, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, to adopt the proposed 2011-2012 budget. This Motion passed unanimously.

Under old business, the Board again revisited the issue of nominating an individual to fill the Levee Board vacancy on the Cane River Waterway Commission. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Doris Rogé to submit the name of Mr. Chad Methvin to the Governor for appointment to the Cane River Waterway Commission. This Motion passed unanimously, and Mr. Corkern was instructed by the Board to advise the Governor.

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 9th day of August, 2011, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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

