

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
August 11, 2009  
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 August 11, 2009, 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  
Adolph Sklar, Member  
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD  
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The minutes from the July 14, 2009 meeting were reviewed. Doris Rogé noted that Alfred Bruning was shown as a present Board Member, and in fact he is no longer on the Board and was not present at the last meeting. The minutes were corrected and on motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the Minutes were unanimously approved as corrected.

The July, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Janet Jones, the July, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was continuing to bushhog and was presently working on the Clarence Levee. The dozer is working at Miller's place. One of the tractors is leaking oil and not being used at the present time. He further advised that SprayMax was almost through spraying and that he had talked with

Alan Sheppard who indicated that he would spray the ditches again at a later time.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. DOTD is working on prioritizing the work to be done relative to the Marco Flood Gates. Gary asked that we determine exactly how much money the Levee Board would be receiving. Ronald Corkern advised that it was his belief the Levee Board will receive a total of \$1,200,000.00, with \$200,000.00 having been appropriated by the Legislature two years ago, and \$1,000,000.00 appropriated by the Legislature this summer. Corkern will follow up with Facility & Planning to confirm the amount, and when the money will be received.

Mr. Eldridge further advised that the statewide flood control program that the City of Natchitoches had sought to participate in relative to Bayou Jillian had requested additional information from the City and it had not been provided in time for the City to get into the program this year. Perhaps the Levee Board will want to participate with the City in next year's program.

Ronald Corkern gave the office activity report and advised that he had met with Ken Guidry, Executive Director of the Red River Waterway Commission, and a representative of Northwestern relative to the pipe through the levee at Lock & Dam No. 3. The property where this pipe is located is owned by Red River Waterway Commission, but they have entered into a 99-year Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Northwestern State University whereby the latter has taken possession of the property and is operating same. Corkern explained to Mr. Guidry and the representative from Northwestern that the pipe either had to be repaired, replaced, or removed. Corkern advised that he had dictated a follow up letter to Mr. Guidry explaining the Levee Board's position. After Karlton Methvin advised that he had talked with David Dupré with the Corps of Engineers earlier and was of the opinion the Corps would bear the expense of removing the pipe, Corkern stated that he would follow up with Dupré for verification.

Corkern further advised that the Corps of Engineers would inspect our levees during the week of August 24-28. He will write a letter to all Board members advising them where the Corps will begin on the 24<sup>th</sup> and at what time so that any Board members who wish to participate in the inspection may do so. Corkern stated that he could not participate on the 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>, but

could participate with the Corps in the inspection on the 26<sup>th</sup> through the 29<sup>th</sup>.

Corkern advised the Board that he would contact Louis Wellan to determine when he was going to meet with Robert Vercher and mark the lanes that could be cleared of trees so that the trees and fence line to be removed from the right of way could be buried.

The Administrator's report was given by Karlton Methvin. He advised that he had talked with Sonny Jones who had indicated we could clear the fence line on the property where he is running cattle near lower Cane River. Mr. Vercher will check with Sonny Jones to be certain that his cows have been moved before clearing the fence line. Mr. Methvin further advised that the Corps of Engineers would begin spreading rock the next day. Methvin further advised that the tractor we were leasing was not performing and requested that we check with him before paying the next lease payment.

In other business, the Board unanimously approved the merit increase for Dennis Antee due September 1, 2009.

In other business, Ronald Corkern presented the Board with a proposed operating budget for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010. Following discussion, on Motion made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Billy Giddens, the budget was unanimously adopted.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 8<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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