

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 10, 2019
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 September 10, 2019, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Billy Giddens, Member
Doris Rogé, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jamarquis Torrente, DOTD Engineer
Ford Stinson, EDKO

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 August, 2019 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Giddens to approve the August, 2019 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The August, 2019 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Rogé and seconded by Sklar to approve the August, 2019 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, the Maintenance Superintendent, gave a report on all maintenance conducted subsequent to the last meeting. He advised the Board that his crew had finished cleaning the ditch on L-15B and L-35. At the time of the meeting the crew was working L-6. They had completed cutting the levee at Powhatan on the Campti side and were now cutting on the Natchitoches side and moving south.

Dunn also advised that L-15B and L-6 needs spraying. This is the ditch that goes through Melrose and the ditch down at Marco.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that the State had completed its inspection of the Federal levees and their inspection report had been provided to Corkern to be forwarded to the Corps of Engineers. Corkern advised that the report had, in fact, been forwarded to the Corps.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had inspected L-6 with Billy Dunn. There are four or five pipes in the ditch now. These pipes need to be replaced, and Mr. Sticker advised that he would present the Board with information regarding the recommended size of the replacement pipes.

A discussion ensued among Board members regarding the video inspection of the pipes that had been completed and provided to the Corps of Engineers, and an inquiry was made as to the status of our request for FEMA certification. Corkern advised that he would follow up on his previous letter to Mr. McCray with the Corps of Engineers wherein he referenced the video inspection of the pipes and requested FEMA certification.

Karlton Methvin brought to the Board's attention the problems that Billy's crew had previously experienced with the excavator. One of the problems was the air condition did not work. Head & Enquist wanted to know who to bill for this work and Methvin advised that the excavator was still under warranty and therefore we did not intend to pay for any repairs. After further discussions between Methvin and Head & Enquist, it was agreed that H&E would provide a loaner while they worked on our excavator.

Methvin inquired about an email he saw from GOSHEP which indicated we were getting \$35,000. Corkern was asked to confirm that we had, in fact, received that sum of money and to inquire

of Tina as to whether that was the last of the payments we expected to receive for the 2016 flooding.

A discussion followed regarding the need to spray portions of L-6 and L-35. Ford Stinson advised that he had looked at the area and it amounts to approximately 12 acres. He gave a cost estimate of \$2,950 to spray this area. A Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the payment of \$2,950.00 to Edko for spraying L-6 and L-35. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern provided each Board member with a copy of the 2019 audit report and reviewed same with the Board. Corkern also advised that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Annual Meeting would be held in New Orleans on December 4 and 5. Corkern and Methvin had previously registered for this meeting, and Casey Messenger advised that he would also attend the meeting.

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

Approved on the 8th day of October, 2019, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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