

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 13, 2022
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 to order at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on September 13, 2022, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC

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, 2022 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the August, 2022 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July and August, 2022 financial statements were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith

and seconded by Jones to approve the July and August, 2022 financial statements. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had finished cutting all of the federal levees. In addition, they had finished cutting and clearing the L5 ditch (Bayou Terrett). The crew still needs to go back and spread the spoil when it dries. They have also cleared trash and debris from L4, L10, and L30. The crew has sprayed all of the structures for vegetation. A discussion followed regarding what projects the maintenance crew would pursue during the fall.

There was further discussion regarding work on the lower Cane River floodgates. Johnny Carney advised that he could no longer do the work for the bid he had submitted. After further discussion, the Board decided to request new bids, which will be opened at the October 11th meeting of the Board of Directors. The contract will require the contractor to complete the work by the end of November or pay \$500 per day liquidated damages after December 1, 2022.

Paul Trimble, engineer with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, reported on all of the pending projects he is working on. Mr. Trimble also presented an amended contract with his firm which combines the two projects into one project that have been funded through Capital Outlay. A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the new contract and authorize Karlton Methvin to sign on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Douglas gave a report on the meeting to be held at the Red River Waterway Commission Offices on October 5, 2022. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss the Watershed Initiative. Further discussion regarding this meeting followed.

Jordan Lemoine with Edko, LLC advised that his team had finished spraying all of the ditches in town. He further advised that the Campti levees looked good, but there are a couple of places where they will need to go back and touch up.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would be held in New Orleans on November 29-December 1, 2022. Any member wishing to attend must so advise either Corkern or Tina by the next Board meeting on October 11, 2022.

Corkern passed out a copy of the audit and a discussion regarding the audit followed. Corkern noted that there were no findings and that we had received a good audit.

In other business, Corkern presented for payment the invoice from Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, Inc. in the amount of \$9,800.00. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to authorize the payment of this invoice. The Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 11th day of October, 2022, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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