

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 10, 2023
6:00 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 in the Natchitoches Municipal Building, 560 Second Street, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on January 10, 2023, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to amend the agenda to include the opening of bids for Project No. 36-L26-20-01. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Trimble, Project Engineer, opened each of the bids for Project No. 36-L26-20-01. The bids were duly recorded by the Assistant Secretary, Ronald Corkern. Upon completion of opening of all of the bids, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by

Jones to accept the low bid of Progressive Construction, LLC in the amount of \$703,880.00 subject to approval by the Division of Administration, FP&C. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously and President Methvin directed Corkern to provide FP&C with all required documents and to request FP&C's concurrence in the construction contract award.

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

The November, 2022 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. The December, 2022 financial statement was not available for review and will be made available to the Board at the February meeting. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the November, 2022 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew returned to work on January 9. Dunn advised he received a call from Rodney Norby with the Corps of Engineers advising that the Corps would be inspecting all structures and pipes in the near future. Consequently, Dunn's crew is currently checking all of the structures to make sure they are ready for inspection by the Corps.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, handed out a survey prepared by the Louisiana Department of Transportation & Development in 2014. This is a survey of the L30 channel which was discussed at the December Board meeting. In December, the City of Natchitoches requested that the Levee Board clean the sediment from this drainage ditch and offered to help by providing trucks to remove the sediment. Mr. Torrence noted that the survey was 8 or 9 years old, but nevertheless it showed very minor siltation for the most part, with a couple of hot spots. Further discussion was had by Board Members and Sklar advised Dunn that he would like to walk the drainage ditch with him prior to next month's Board meeting.

In other business, President Methvin presented to the Board the offer by the State of Louisiana to purchase property adjacent to US Hwy. 71 bridges near St. Maurice. Corkern pointed out that actually the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District only has a servitude over the property but does own the rock and structures located on the property. The State has offered to purchase that

portion owned by the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District for the sum of \$1,746.00. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Sklar to accept the offer from Louisiana DOTD in the amount of \$1,746.00.

Corkern presented the invoice from the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in the amount of \$1,250.00, this sum representing the annual dues associated with this organization. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Sklar to authorize the payment of these dues.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that the Red River Valley Association was holding its annual conference in Shreveport/Bossier on February 22 and 23, 2023. After the discussion, no Board Member expressed a desire to attend this meeting at the present time.

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

Approved on the 14th day of February, 2023, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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