

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 10, 2011
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on January 10, 2011, 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Alan Sheppard, Edko
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Ernest Morgan

The minutes from the December 14, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, the December minutes were unanimously approved.

The November and December, 2010 Financial Statements were reviewed and discussed. A motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the November and December, 2010 Financial Statements. This Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Ernest Morgan addressed the Board and advised that the Campti break drainage ditch has a beaver dam next to the highway. If it rains the water will back up and flood approximately 50 acres of Mr. Morgan's land. He requested assistance from the Levee Board in removing the beaver dam. There was some question among Board members as to whether the drainage ditch where the beaver dam is located is under the jurisdiction of the Natchitoches Levee Board or the Louisiana Department of

Transportation & Development. The Board requested Robert Vercher to inspect the dam and make a determination as to whether it was located in a ditch over which the Levee Board had jurisdiction. If so, Mr. Vercher was instructed to clean out the beaver dam. If Mr. Vercher has any question as to who has jurisdiction over the ditch he was requested to contact Gary Eldridge, DOTD, and ask him to look at the beaver dam and assist in determining who had the responsibility for the ditch.

Corkern advised Mr. Morgan that he would contact him at 352-6671 and report what action would be taken and by whom.

Robert Vercher gave the maintenance report. He advised that his crew had been checking all of the culverts and bridges to make sure they were all open and clear of debris. He also advised that the dozer was at Head & Enquist in Alexandria for repairs. He notified the Board that they needed to install a wider gate near the Campti-Cutoff Levee so that they could get their equipment through. The dozer has a 12' blade and consequently a 16' gate is needed. The Board authorized Mr. Vercher to purchase and install a 16' gate.

In other business, the Board reviewed Billy Dunn's annual Performance Report. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Dunn's annual performance report as submitted.

In other new business, the Board discussed the engagement letter received from Freese & Nichols Engineering. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the Board authorized the President, Karlton Methvin, to enter into a contract with Freese & Nichols Engineering to perform the work outlined in Phase 1a at a cost of \$9,800.00.

Ronald Corkern advised the Board that the Red River Valley Association was holding its annual convention in Shreveport February 23-25. A block of rooms will be held until January 23, 2011, so reservations must be made on or before that date. Corkern advised any Board member who wished to attend the convention to notify him within the next week.

There being no further business to come before 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 8th day of February, 2011, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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