

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 12, 2010
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 12, 2010, 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

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Billy Dunn, Guest

The minutes from the November 10, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the November minutes were unanimously approved.

Also reviewed were the minutes from the December 8, 2009 meeting. On motion by Doris Rogé, and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the December minutes were unanimously approved.

The December, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Charles Brazzel, Jr., the December, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that it was still very wet and they could not do any cutting. They had continued cleaning the flood gates and right of ways. They will start the removal of Mr. Williams pecan trees tomorrow. Mr. Hampton's place has still been too wet to do any clearing there. Mr. Vercher stated that they still needed some right of ways across the river.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Mr. Eldridge advised that the mudslide at Powhatan still needed to be worked on. There was also a mudslide and hole in the levee down by Lock & Dam No. 3. They will need to take the grass off, flatten the slope, fix the mudslide and fill the hole.

Mr. Eldridge advised that he would get with Mr. Corkern next week to go down to the Cane River Dam and talk to the Sheriff about his cows.

Mr. Eldridge reported that he had a copy of the latest flood map and it showed that the only 100 year protection is up by Clarence, and that the rest is in the flood zone. It was a map that had been revised in 1998. He advised that DOTD, through a contract with Louisiana Tech, was going to be running the elevations. He doesn't know how long that will take.

Finally, Mr. Eldridge gave the Board the semi-annual inspection reports that he had helped Mr. Vercher prepare and said they needed to get them signed and sent into the Corps.

The office activity report was given by Tina Coffey. She advised that the Board had received two large checks from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office and inquired about depositing of the checks to a CD. Mr. Methvin is going to go by Peoples State Bank and decide whether to add the money to an existing CD or start a new one. Mrs. Coffey also advised that the Board was not able to hire a new employee this month because the job had not been posted the required length of time by Civil Service. The Board will be able to hire a new employee at the February meeting.

The administrator's report was given by Karlton Methvin. Mr. Methvin advised Mr. Vercher to turn the old tractor in to Goldman and that the Board would be receiving the new tractor in March. He also advised that he had talked to Mr. Corkern about the purchase of a new truck and Mr. Corkern assured him that would be done by the next meeting.

Mr. Methvin reported on the meeting he had recently attended. A FEMA representative was there. It was obvious to him that FEMA is calling the shots. He was told that there was a good chance the Board will get de-certified because no one can come up with the specs. The cost of new specs is cost prohibitive. The Board will need to get help from somewhere or buy flood insurance.

Mr. Methvin also advised that he would be attending the ALBL General Business Meeting in Baton Rouge on Friday, January, 15, 2010.

The Board discussed the Red River Basin (Louisiana) Levee and Drainage District Meeting that was going to be held in Bossier City on January 27, 2010. Mr. Methvin advised that as many of the Board members that wanted to go and could go, should. Mrs. Jones and Rogé stated that they would attend the meeting, and Mr. Brazzel and Mr. Swafford were going to try to attend.

The Board also discussed giving Mr. Corkern a raise. The board realizes that the daily requirements to run the Levee Board has increased substantially. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Rayburn Smith, the Board voted unanimously to give Mr. Corkern a raise, bringing his salary to \$3,000.00 a month.

On Motion by Janet Jones, seconded by Doris Rogé, the Board voted to adjourn.

Approved on the 9th day of February, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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