

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 10, 2017
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, 2017, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Terry Sklar, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the Assistant Secretary/Attorney, Ronald E. Corkern, Jr.

The minutes of the December, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé, and seconded by Mark Swafford, to approve the December, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the December, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Ronald Corkern. Corkern advised that the maintenance crew had been off December 22, 2016 through January 9, 2017 with the prior approval of the Board. Since returning to work the crew has continued cleaning, checking and repairing all of the lifts and flap gates. The ground was too wet to do any mowing. The crew had also served the equipment so that it would be in good working order when the ground got dry enough to begin mowing.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. A discussion was had regarding whether Gulf South needed a permit for the work they proposed doing. As Mr. Sticker had indicated in a previous email, it was his belief that Gulf South would need a permit and they had been so advised by Mr. Corkern.

Mr. Sticker also reminded the Board that a meeting would be held on January 25, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. at the Red River Waterway Commission Office with the Corps of Engineers. The meeting is open to all Levee Boards and members. Corkern, Methvin and Sticker all plan to attend this meeting.

Mr. Sticker further discussed the closure at US Highway 71 and US Highway 84. The Levee Board purchased the pipe and material and everything is on site if we have another flood.

Ronald Corkern reminded the Board of the 91st Red River Valley Association Annual Convention to be held in Shreveport February 22-23, 2017. Mark Swafford and Doris Rogé advised that they would attend this convention and Corkern was requested to register both Board members for the Convention.

Next on the agenda was the membership in the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana. A discussion was had regarding the benefits obtained through our association with the ALBL and the cost of the annual membership. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to continue as a member of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana and to pay the annual dues of \$1,250.00. Following public discussion the Motion passed unanimously.

Ronald Corkern then led a discussion regarding the 2016 audit report. Following public discussion a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to accept the 2016 audit report. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 14th day of February, 2017, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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