

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 9, 2012
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on October 9, 2012, 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
Rayburn Smith, Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Foreman
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the September, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Janet Jones, and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the September, 2012 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the September, 2012 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by Janet Jones, and seconded by Rayburn Smith to amend the Agenda to discuss changing of the

meeting time of the Board to 6:00 p.m. for future meetings. The Motion to amend the Agenda passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to change the meeting time of the monthly meetings from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. beginning with the November meeting. Following discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that they had moved the rock that had previously been stored and placed it around the flood gates at Rayburn Smith's place. They have also moved rock to the Robert Miller place, but have not placed it around the flood gates. He also indicated that he had been in contact with Entergy and they had removed the limbs and debris off of the levee and right of way. His group will complete their inspections of the levees by the end of the following week. They have been working on the State levees and now they are moving back to the Corps levees. They are beginning to cut grass on Corps levees.

Mr. Dunn also advised that there was some repair work needed on the Rhino Bushhog. There was further discussion as to whether to repair the bushhog or sell it and buy a new one. It was agreed that a decision would not be made at this time, but prices would be obtained on repairs and we would also check into the cost of a new bushhog.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that he has completed plans and specifications for repairs to the lower Cane River flood gates. These plans and specs are available for review by the Board. He also advised that he had received quarterly inspection reports with pictures from Billy Dunn that day and that he would incorporate he reports and pictures into his last inspection report and have that report to Mr. Methvin within the next couple of weeks.

Mr. Sticker further advised that he had looked at the crossing at L-10 on Joe Potmasil's property. The crossing needs to be replaced. He advised the owner needed to complete a Permit Application showing the changes to be made. He indicated that he and/or others from DOTD would make a sight visit to assist in determining the required pipe size to cross Channel L-11A.

Mr. Sticker further advised that he had received a call from David Dupré with the Corps of Engineers. The Corps is going to have a survey crew survey the top bank elevation at Campti so

they can evaluate and decide if we have to build the levee back in order to pass inspection.

Mr. Sticker also advised that the Larry Hampton Flood Gates plans and specs would be ready for review within the next two weeks.

In other business, Mr. Sticker advised that the Corps of Engineers had approved the Permit Application by DOTD for the bridge on Highway ___. The bridge will now go over the levee.

Alan Shephard then addressed the Board. He advised that he had been to see Bob Dalme that day. Mr. Dalme had contacted the Board and complained that the spraying done on the levee had killed his pecan trees. Mr. Shephard advised that he looked at the pecan trees with Mr. Dalme and also gave Mr. Dalme all of the information available regarding the chemicals used in the spraying. He advised that these same chemicals had been used for years and had never damaged pecan trees.

He also advised that his group of through spraying the ditches and the levees. They have about a half a day's work left on spraying the rock.

In other business, Doris Rogé made a Motion to approve the annual merit raises of 4% for employees of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. This Motion was seconded by Janet Jones. Following discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Ronald Corkern advised that the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would be held in New Orleans on December 5 and 6. Anyone interested in attending that meeting should contact Corkern within the next week.

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

Approved on the 13th day of November, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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