

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
October 11, 2011  
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 11, 2011, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member  
Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent  
Alan Sheppard, Edko, LLC

A Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to amend the agenda to discuss moving the meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. for the Levee Board. The Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes from the September 13, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the September minutes were unanimously approved.

The September, 2011 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to approve the September, 2011 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew had finished bush hogging and would start working on all of the flood gates. They would open and shut the flood gates to make sure each is in working order. They also still need to clean the fence row along the levee by Russell Cook's place. They will do that as soon as they can get the dozer moved to that location.

Mr. Vercher inquired as to who was responsible for obtaining the material and making sure it was in place at each of the gap closures. Following further discussion, Brad Sticker said that he would contact Gary Eldridge to make certain the plans for the gap closures had been approved by the Corps of Engineers and if so he would advise the amount of material that needed to be stockpiled at each location.

Mr. Sticker also advised that the work on the lower Cane River flood gates was about 90% complete. All that is left is to hang the flap gates and do a little dressing up. In fact, they were working on the flap gates earlier in the day and expect to have that completed within the next couple of days.

There had previously been discussion about building a framework from which a cable could be run to the flap gates so that with the use of a wench the flap gates could be raised and lowered. Mr. Sticker advised that he had talked with Ron Ingles and there was not enough money in the existing contract to build the necessary frame. Additionally, there was some concern by the contractor as to whether the frame would hold the necessary load. Brad indicated that he would work on a design frame and provide the Board with a cost estimate.

Finally, Mr. Sticker advised that he would assist Robert Vercher and his crew in getting together the quarterly inspection report for the levees and that the annual inspection of State levees would be completed soon.

Ronald Corkern discussed with the Board the response we had received from the State regarding Keith Antee's new salary. Robert Vercher advised that Keith Antee was already making more on a monthly basis than what we were told the new monthly salary would be. Corkern advised that perhaps the new monthly salary we were quoted by the State is only the starting salary for that position and does not take into account the years of service Mr. Antee has. The Board asked Corkern to find out exactly what Mr. Antee will be paid if he is hired in this new position, including taking into consideration the number of years of service he has with the Levee Board. The Board also wanted to

know what his current rate of pay is so that the Board would be able to compare at the next meeting what Mr. Antee is making now versus what he will be making if promoted.

In other business, Corkern advised that the bill from Ford Motor Company in the amount of \$422.65 was not a warranty item. A transmission pan underneath the truck was bent and had to be replaced. A copy of the invoice from Ford Motor Company was included in each Board member's packet.

Corkern also advised that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would hold its annual meeting in New Orleans on December 7 and 8. In addition, the Mississippi River Valley Flood Control would hold its annual meeting in New Orleans on December 9 and 10. Corkern, Mrs. Rogé and Karlton Methvin advised that they would like to attend one or both of these meetings. On Motion by Janet Jones, seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., the Board voted unanimously to approve the attendance of Ronald Corkern, Doris Rogé and Karlton Methvin at the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting and/or the Mississippi River Valley Flood Control annual meeting.

A Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. to change the time of all future Board meetings to 6:00 p.m. This Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the 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 8<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2011, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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