

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 9, 2010
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 November 9, 2010, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Ronald Corkern, Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Janet Jones, Secretary
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Doris Rogé, Member

Absent were:

C.D. Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Paul Khoury, Chairman of the Cane River Waterway
Commission
Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Alan Sheppard, Edko
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The minutes for the October 12, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Mark Swafford, the October minutes were unanimously approved.

The October, 2010 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, the October Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was now cleaning in the Powhatan area. He expected they would be in this area a couple

of more days and they still have a little work to do on Hines Road. He advised that Mr. Charles Bonds is no longer working for the Levee Board.

He further advised that the diesel tank in the bed of the work truck has a hole in it and is leaking. Mr. Vercher was asked to price a new one and advise the Board.

Mr. Vercher further advised that he had talked with Mr. Jones about the debris that was on his property. He explained that it was actually up to Mr. Jones to dispose of this debris and that most all of it was his own debris. Nevertheless, we did move the debris over the levee and Mr. Jones was satisfied.

Gary Eldridge gave the DOTD report. He reported that we were unable to accept bids on the lower Cane River flood gates as originally planned. It was necessary to amend the plans and that required moving back the date for accepting bids. Bids will now be opened on November 18, 2010. He advised that he had inspected some of the places that Mr. Vercher's crew had cleaned in the Powhatan areas, and the areas he inspected looked very good. He also suggested that Mr. Corkern write a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting their assistance in video inspecting the pipes at all of the flood control structures in our district.

Ronald Corkern gave the office activity report. He advised that he and Karlton Methvin had attended the Executive Meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in Baton Rouge. The ALBL is now aware of the problem we have and others have with levee certification.

Corkern further advised that they had received approval from the Corps of Engineers for the fence that Hampton wished to build. Corkern sent a letter to Mr. Hampton with a copy of the letter received from the Corps of Engineers and DOTD.

Corkern further advised the Board that he had recently learned that Caddo Levee Board had retained an engineering firm in Texas to assist in the certification of their levees. Corkern inquired as to whether the Board would like for him to contact this firm and see if they would at least come speak to the Board about what would be necessary for levee certification and estimated costs. The Board requested Corkern to proceed with contacting the engineering firm in Texas to see if they would speak with us.

The administrator's report was given by Karlton Methvin. He expanded on the meeting of the Executive Committee of the ALBL held in Baton Rouge.

In other business to come before the Board the 2010-2011 budget was reviewed and considered. On Motion by Rayburn Smith, seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the 2010-2011 budget was unanimously approved.

In further business, Corkern advised the Board of the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana to be held in New Orleans on December 1 and 2. Doris Rogé, Karlton Methvin and Ronald Corkern will attend that meeting.

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 14th day of December, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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