

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 8, 2016
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 8, 2016, 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
Billy Giddens, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

President Methvin called the meeting to order. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to amend the agenda to authorize payment to Randy LaCaze for preparation and filing of application for Capitol Outlay, supporting letters from Senator and Representative and accompanying Resolutions. Following public discussion, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A second Motion to amend the agenda was made by Billy Giddens and seconded by Mark Swafford to place on the agenda Resolutions No. 3 and 4 approving the Capitol Outlay requests for the Poisson Canal and the lower Cane River area. Following

public discussion, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

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

The October, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the October, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn, gave the maintenance report. Mr. Dunn advised that they were through grass cutting for the year. The equipment had been taken to the shop to be cleaned up and stored. Mr. Dunn also advised that all water gauges were now up. He further advised that they have completed cutting the ditches and that a beaver dam on L-4 (west side of Highway 1) had been removed and the water was now flowing freely through that ditch.

Mr. Dunn advised that he had talked with Bob Lang about the brush and growth along the fence line near Miller Road. Mr. Lang advised that he had no opposition to us spraying and killing everything along the fence row. Following further discussion, the Board asked Edko representatives to inspect the fence line and give us a price for spraying same.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that he had looked at the irrigation pipeline that goes under Highway 1226 and through the levee. He is going to meet with the bridge engineer the next day and discuss options. Sticker also advised that they had completed the video of the Chivary pipe. As a result of the information learned through videoing the pipe, it was determined that Corkern should not send the letters requesting bids for hanging the gate at Chivary Dam. Instead, Mr. Sticker advised the Board of the new plan regarding these repairs and the Board agreed. Our own crew will be able to hang the new gate.

Mr. Sticker also advised that they had videoed the two 18" pipes at Navaho-Taylor. These pipes appeared to be in good shape. The 36" pipe also looked pretty good.

Sticker further advised that Highway 494 at Cloutierville is now open.

A discussion followed regarding the need to remove the fence on Nathan Albritton's property that is lying within the 15' right of way. Corkern advised that he had previously written Mr. Albritton a letter, but had not received a response from him. The Board asked Corkern to follow up on this matter.

A Motion was then made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve payment of the invoice from Randy LaCaze for completing and filing the Capitol Outlay Request, preparation of Resolutions, and preparation of support letters. Following public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion as then made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve Resolution No. 3 supporting the Capitol Outlay Request for Poisson Canal. Following public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion as then made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Janet Jones to approve Resolution No. 4 supporting the Capitol Outlay Request for repairs to lower Cane River structures. Following public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously.

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 verbally voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 13th day of December, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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