

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
December 11, 2018
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 December 11, 2018, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Janet Jones, Secretary
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Board Members absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, EDKO
Ford Stenson, EDKO

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 President, Karlton Methvin.

A discussion was held regarding the November, 2018 minutes. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Sklar, and seconded by Smith, to approve the November, 2018 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The November, 2018 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Rogé and seconded by Messenger to approve the November, 2018 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that the L-34 ditch had been cleaned and the silt removed. This involved the referenced ditches in the area of the Elton Kennedy property.

Dunn also advised that his crew had finished work and painting on the flood gates on all of the federal levees. They replaced the hinges on the gates on Vercher and Richard Johnson's place. The hinges were rusted and therefore it was necessary to replace them.

Dunn also advised that a slide had occurred near Powhatan, but the crew had made repairs. Another slide occurred by Leone's property, but it was too wet to get equipment in to fix that slide. It will probably be spring before this slide can be addressed.

Dunn also advised that they had clipped all of the levees which would give them better visibility in the case of a high water event.

The Levee Board employees will take off from December 20, 2018 to January 7, 2019 unless there is an issue that requires the presence of one or more employees.

Karlton Methvin gave a report on the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana that was held in New Orleans on December 5 and 6, 2018. Little was learned, but important contacts were made. One of the individuals Mr. Methvin met with was a lady who is currently the highest ranking civilian working for the Corps of Engineers in Vicksburg. She asked about the Campti levee that had fallen in years ago. When Mr. Methvin advised her as to the history of this segment of the levee she was surprised and indicated she would look into this matter and see what might be done to correct this.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had met with the engineers and Nick Verrett relative to the lower Cane River flood mitigation program. The engineers are working on the preliminary plans. The deadline to get these plans to GOSHEP is in January, and the engineers advised that they expect to meet this deadline.

Sticker also reported on replacement of the Rachal canal structure and the last 20' of the Red Bayou structure.

Sticker also advised that DOTD was putting controls on the levee in several spots so that they would have realtime reports regarding water levels during periods of high water events.

Sticker also advised that he had talked with Nick Verrett about the Marco Road. The old Marco Road has been closed because of several slides in the area. The setback road is in danger of caving in, and if we have another high water event similar to that in 2016, the water could flood a large portion of southern Natchitoches Parish. According to Mr. Verrett, the Parish has decided not to seek funds in next year's capital outlay to construct a levee in this area. Following further discussion, the Board asked Ronald Corkern to write a letter to the Parish Administrator explaining the dangers associated with another high water event and failure to make any repairs to the old Marco Road.

The Board then discussed the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Government for the purpose of making repairs to the Bermuda Road. The Parish has requested that we share labor and equipment to replace the pipes under the Bermuda Road. A discussion was had regarding the scope of work for each entity. Mr. Earl Townsend with the Parish advised that it would be necessary to lease a long stick backhoe to accomplish the work necessary to repair Bermuda Road. The Board expressed concern over any employees of the NLDD operating equipment that did not belong to the NLDD. The Board did not think it wise for our employees to operate anyone else's equipment or for anyone else to operate our equipment. A request was made that Corkern seek from the Parish more detailed information regarding the scope of each party's work and an Indemnity Agreement in the event someone damaged the optic cable that is located in the area.

In other business, the Board discussed the 2018 annual inspection report for the Campti-Clarence levee. The Corps deemed this levee unsatisfactory because the report was written prior to receipt of the video inspections of our pipes. The Corps has recently reviewed the video inspections and determined that two of the pipes are unsatisfactory. This will be discussed at the next Board meeting.

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

Approved on the 8th day of January, 2019, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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