

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
December 12, 2023  
6:00 p.m.**

BE IT KNOWN that a Regular Meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District was called to order at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on December 12, 2023, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Kay L. Foshee, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Jolley Nash, Member  
Nolan Jones, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Terry Sklar, Member  
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer  
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The November minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Nash to approve the November, 2023 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The October, 2023 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Nash to approve the October financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The November, 2023 financial statement was not ready at the time of the Board meeting. It will be presented at the next meeting.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Dunn advised that his crew had inspected and worked all of flute gates, and that all were in good shape and working appropriately. The crew is still cutting limbs and brush from the levee right-of-way and are fixing holes and cow trails along the levee.

Dunn further advised the Board regarding the accident involving an AT&T fiber optic line and pole. The accident happened near Billy Giddens' house. The Board requested that Corkern report the incident to Cunningham Insurance Agency.

Dunn further advised that his crew would take off December 22, 2023 to January 8, 2024.

Jamarquis Torrence advised that he had nothing to report on behalf of DOTD.

Karlton Methvin informed the Board regarding his meeting with Whitney Lambright, a representative of House Speaker Mike Johnson. Ms. Lambright came to Natchitoches the week before and met with Methvin, Corkern & Nash to inspect the levee behind Jolly Nash's home and the levee at Campti-Clarence. She took a lot of pictures and agreed that the revetment work in the river needed repair, and this should be the responsibility of the Corps of Engineers. She promised to make Congressman Johnson aware of the situation.

In other business, Susan Douglas presented a draft of the Operation & Maintenance Plan. Two copies of the O&M Plan had previously been provided to Corkern and he made one of those copies available to Methvin. Corkern advised that he had reviewed the O&M Plan and it appeared complete and well done. This will be provided to the Corps of Engineers for presentation to FEMA when certification of the Natchitoches levees is sought.

In new business, Corkern presented the Board with an invoice from Progressive Construction regarding the Lower Cane River Project. This invoice was for work performed on the north end of the levee. Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Swafford to approve payment of the invoice to Progressive Construction.

There being no further business to come before the Board a Motion was made by Foshee and seconded by Smith to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2024, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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**KARLTON METHVIN**, President