

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
December 12, 2017
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 12, 2017, 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
Casey Messenger, Member

Absent were:

Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

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

A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the minutes of the meeting for November, 2017. After public comments offered and none received, the Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the meeting for November, 2017.

A Motion was then made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Casey Messenger to approve the November, 2017 financial statement report. A discussion of the financial statement by the Board followed, and after public comments were offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that the gates at Marco had been hung and the work was finally complete. The Board requested Corkern to notify FEMA of the completion of the work within the extended deadline.

Mr. Dunn also advised that his crew had closed the gate at Mr. Rayburn's place as the Board had requested during the previous meeting. Dunn further advised that he had called La. One Call and requested they mark the underground lines before they begin cleaning W-2 (Bayou).

Mr. Dunn also advised the Board that if the weather is good the crew will not take off during Christmas. If the weather is bad they will take off as they have in the past.

Mr. Dunn also advised that we need to hire a heavy equipment operator. Corkern was requested to start the process for advising for this position.

Mr. Dunn also advised that we need to purchase a dump trailer to haul dirt. He priced a dump trailer at John Deere for \$9,000.00, but also found a dump trailer at CLR with a greater capacity for \$4,800.00. A discussion followed regarding the purchase of a dump trailer versus a dump truck. A Motion was subsequently made by Rayburn Smith to buy the dump trailer from CLR for the sum of \$4,800.00. This Motion was seconded by Casey Messenger. After public comments were offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern was requested to write a letter to Mr. Brent Bernard, 809 Leget Road, Rain, Louisiana, 70578. Mr. Bernard has equipment on our levee that needs to be moved.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that the State had finished the quarterly inspection on the Campti-Clarence and the Natchitoches side of the river. Overall the levees looked good. Mr. Sticker advised that he had reviewed the videos of the pipes and for the most part they looked good to him. The videos have been provided to the Corps of Engineers, but as of this date he had not received any feedback from the Corps.

Mr. Sticker also advised that on the Natchitoches side, the levee is about to slide below Mr. Wellan's place. This is an area not far from Lock & Dam No. 3. President Karlton Methvin advised that he would contact Rodney with the Corps of Engineers

and request him to look at the area with him. According to Mr. Sticker, there are actually three different spots that are now moving.

President Methvin then gave a brief summary of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting recently held in New Orleans. This meeting was attended by Methvin, Messenger and Corkern.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Casey Messenger to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 8th day of January, 2018, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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