

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
February 12, 2013
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on February 12, 2013, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Billy Giddens, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Allen Shephard, Edko, Inc.

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the January, 2013 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the January, 2013 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The January, 2013 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the January, 2013 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that with all the rain they had been watching the flood gates and keeping them cleaned out. He advised they had gotten

the beaver dam and trees cleaned out of Bayou Poisson. Mr. Dunn also advised that he knew of no drainage problems at this time.

Mrs. Rogé said that she had been contacted by Johnny Bayonne several times regarding a drainage problem. Brad Sticker advised that the ditch Mr. Bayonne was calling about was not a ditch within the Natchitoches Levee System. The ditch was actually on Mr. Moreau's property. Mr. Sticker advised that if they were contacted by Mr. Bayonne again to let him know that he should contact Nick Verrett.

Brad Sticker advised that he had forwarded a Letter of No Objection from the Louisiana DOTD to Mr. Corkern regarding Ralph Ingram's permit request. The request was to put in a new bridge, and Mr. Sticker felt this was going to greatly improve that area.

Mrs. Rogé asked Mr. Sticker what they were doing about the caved in area on 495. Mr. Sticker advised that he was not aware of a problem in that area. Mr. Dunn stated that Louisiana DOTD had been contacted and had fixed the area about three times. Mr. Sticker advised that he would check into it.

Mr. Sticker advised that he was meeting with Mr. Methvin and Mr. Corkern this Friday regarding the additional funding, but that he still had not seen Mr. Richard's proposed changes. He also advised that the Hampton flood gate plans and specifications were done and that during the meeting on Friday with Mr. Corkern they would discuss soliciting bids and set the dates for all deadlines.

Karlton Methvin advised that he should have bids from John Deere for two tractors at the next meeting. They will be bought through the State Contract and, therefore the Board will not have to get bids to purchase the tractors. Mr. Methvin also advised that he had talked to representatives of H&E Equipment Services, Inc. regarding their recent invoice and that it was agreed that the invoice was incorrect. Mr. Methvin advised Corkern not to pay the invoice and told the Board that H&E would be resubmitting the invoice.

The Board discussed the 88th Red River Valley Association Annual Convention to be held in Shreveport February 20-22, 2013. It was decided that Doris Rogé and Karlton Methvin would attend the Convention.

Mr. Allen Shephard with Edco, LLC. presented a proposal for spraying the levees for weed control, etc. The proposal is for the same spraying done last year at a cost of \$104,500.00, with additional spraying for thistles and Johnson grass on the west side of Red River and for thistles only on the east side of the river, for an additional cost of \$34,750.00. The total cost for all spraying for 2013 would be \$139,250.00. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to accept the proposal from Edco, LLC for the spraying of the Natchitoches levees for 2013 for the total sum of \$139,750.00. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board further discussed splitting the cost with the Natchitoches Port Commission for the offsite fill material at Grand Ecore. Mr. Dunn advised that he had talked to Mr. Breedlove with the Port Commission, and Mr. Breedlove was agreeable to them putting the fill material on the Port Commission property on the west side of LA Highway 486 north of the existing levee. Mr. Dunn also advised that Womack had not started delivering the fill material yet. On motion made by Charles Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr. the Board voted unanimously to authorize payment of one-half of this expense.

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

Approved on the 12th day of March, 2013, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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