

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
March 12, 2024  
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 to order at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on March 12, 2024, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member  
Jolley Nash, Member  
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Kay Foshee, Secretary-Treasurer  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer  
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson  
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC  
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The February, 2024 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the February, 2024 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The February, 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to approve the Financial Statements as provided. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Karlton Methvin in the absence of Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Methvin advised that the crew had been knocking tree limbs down off of the right of way, cleaning out the culverts, and making repairs to areas where the wild hogs had caused damage.

In other business, Methvin advised that the tractors previously approved for purchased had been ordered, but it may be April before we receive delivery of the tractors. Goldman is currently putting together the bushhogs that were ordered and they will be ready soon.

Susan Douglas with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson advised that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana would hold its annual meeting in Baton Rouge in May. She encouraged Commissioners to attend if at all possible.

Jordan Lemoine with Edko, LLC reported that they had sprayed for thistle on the Campti-Clarence side, and had started spraying on the Natchitoches side.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, reported that DOTD had surveyed the ditch at Melrose. They have not done anything further towards getting permission to either clean the ditch or determine what had to be done with respect to that portion of the ditch determined to be in a wetlands area. Paul Trimble is working with the Corps to see what can be done to clean out the ditch.

Ronald Corkern reminded the Board that everyone's Financial Disclosure Statement must be filed by May 15. Corkern also advised the Board that our newest employee, Michael Smith, would be eligible to become a permanent employee on March 14, 2024. After further discussion, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to make Michael Smith a permanent employee. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern also reminded the Commissioners that each of them needed to complete their ethics online training if they had not previously done so.

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

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

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