

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
June 14, 2011
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 June 14, 2011, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Mark Swafford, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD Engineer
Robert Vercher

A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Charles Brazzel, Jr. to supplement the agenda by adding to it the adoption of the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. This Motion passed unanimously.

The minutes from the May 10, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Charles Brazzel, Jr., the May minutes were unanimously approved.

The May, 2011 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the May, 2011 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Robert Vercher advised the Board that the employees were currently bushhogging all levees. They were also removing big trees off of the levee behind Allen Solomon's place. He remarked that everything is so dry the grass is not growing. His crew is trying to get everything in shape for the Corps of Engineer levee inspection in July.

Gary Eldridge reported on the lower Cane River flood gates project. He advised that Riley Construction still did not have lab test results back on the soil, and they hoped to have those test results within the next week. He also advised that they had begun moving in some of the pipe and hopefully by the next Board meeting would be able to report that actual construction had begun.

Mr. Eldridge also advised that he had looked at a site where Mr. Jolly Nash is building a house. He gave Mr. Nash coordinates for the site and Mr. Nash is supposed to turn in a permit application for work he is doing within the levee servitude.

Eldridge also advised that he had inspected the site behind Roger Cunningham's home where he wants to put a bridge across a drainage ditch. He talked to Mr. Cunningham about the type of bridge Cunningham proposed and Mr. Cunningham is going to submit a permit application with further details of the bridge.

Finally, Mr. Eldridge advised that he is able to return to work on the design drawings for the Cane River flood gates. Hopefully, he will be nearing completion by the next month.

In other business, the Board discussed the annual performance report relative to Dennis Antee. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Janet Jones to adopt the annual performance report recommended by Superintendent Robert Vercher. This Motion passed unanimously.

In other new business, Ronald Corkern advised that he had received a letter from John Laborde advising that he wished to resign immediately from his position on the Cane River Waterway Commission. Corkern advised that Mr. Laborde was appointed to the Cane River Waterway Commission from recommendations by the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Under the law we are to submit three (3) names to the Governor. Following discussion, the Board decided to table this matter until next month's meeting

in order to give all of the Board members time to consider possible replacements.

Under old business the Board discussed whether or not to hire additional summer help. Following discussion, it was determined that everything was so dry that there was little bushhogging to do and probably not enough work to warrant hiring a summer employee. The Board decided not to hire a summer employee at the present time.

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

Approved on the 12th day of July, 2011, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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