

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
July 12, 2022
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 July 12, 2022, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Mary Jones, Secretary
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

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

A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to amend the agenda to add Resolution No. 4 approving Phase 2 of FP&C Project No. 36-L-26-20-01 relative to the second phase of said project calling for levee service restoration of the levee crown for a distance of 3.4 miles. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2022 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to approve the June, 2022 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2022 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Nash and seconded by Smith to approve the June, 2022 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

Ronald Corkern then reviewed with the Board Resolution No. 4, a copy of which is attached hereto. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to adopt Resolution No. 4 of 2022. The Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn gave the Maintenance Superintendent's report and advised the Board that they had finished cleaning all of the fence rows through Dell Valley Acres. Everything has been completely cleared and the area looks better than it has ever looked.

Dunn further advised that his crew had finished cutting all of the stack levees and the top banks of all of the ditches. They have started cutting the Federal levees. In addition they have also cleared all of the drainage structures, and are currently clearing the L-5 channel.

Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer, gave a report regarding current permit applications and the status.

Paul Trimble reported on the projects his firm is working on and presented a Professional Services Agreement for Phase 2 of Project No. 36-L-26-20-01, which project is referred to as the Levee Service Restorations Project. After reviewing the Professional Services Agreement and discussing same, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Sklar to approve the Professional Services Agreement and authorized Karlton Methvin, President, to execute said Agreement on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

Susan Douglas reported on the status of Phase 1 and Phase 2 of Project No. 36-L-26-20-01, which is the Ross Lake-Flat Bayou Project and the Levee Service Restoration Project. She advised that the allocation of \$122,957.00 included in the previous years State budget would have to be re-authorized by the Department of Administration since the money was not spent during the fiscal year. We expect to receive that re-authorization within the next

month. She also advised that she had learned that day that the Department of Administration had allocated, after the deduction of overhead and expenses, the sum of \$615,000.00 for Phase 2 (Levee Service Restoration Project). The current estimated cost of this project by Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, Inc. is \$783,000.00, which would leave the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District owing \$168,000.00 after the contribution by DOA of \$615,000.00.

Douglas also reported that there would be a meeting of the North Central Louisiana Levee District at Ronald Corkern's Office on Wednesday, July 20, 2022 at 10:30 a.m. Any interested Board member was invited to attend.

In other business, Karlton Methvin discussed the need to put up gates on the south end of the levee after the Levee Service Restoration Project was completed. Other members suggested that in addition to the gates, we would have to fence from the gate to the toe of the levee or pickup trucks and 4-wheelers would simply drive around the gates.

Ronald Corkern advised the Board that Billy Dunn had talked with a sales representative at Courtesy Automotive and requested information on the purchase of a Ford F-250 Pickup Truck. Corkern presented the Board with the offer received from Courtesy Automotive, which indicated a purchase price of \$46,678.25, but also estimated the delivery date to be 50+ weeks. Sklar advised that his company had recently purchased two Dodge Pickup Trucks, and that a girl who is in charge of the sale of all pickup trucks in the State of Louisiana had helped to find these two trucks. Corkern advised that the girl was probably Laura Seymour who is from Natchitoches and currently lives in Baton Rouge. The Board requested Corkern to contact Mrs. Seymour and determine if she is able to find a truck with a more reasonable delivery date.

In other business, Corkern advised that he would be out of state on the next meeting date, August 9, 2022 and inquired as to whether the Board meeting date could be moved to either August 2 or August 16. Karlton Methvin said he would prefer August 2nd since he might be cutting corn by the 16th of August. Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to change the August meeting date to August 2, 2022. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 2nd day of August, 2022, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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