

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 12, 2008
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 August 12, 2008, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Gary Anderson, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr., Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Ronald E. Corkern, Jr., Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Melvin Hicks, DOTD

The minutes from the July 8, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Gary Anderson, the Minutes were approved.

The July, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Alfred Bruning, the July, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. He reported that his crew was still bush hogging on the Levee at Cloutierville and, with good weather, would probably finish in approximately four more days. His group will continue mowing. He reported there were no specific maintenance issues that needed to be addressed.

The DOTD report was given by Melvin Hicks. Mr. Hicks provided the inspection report for the Cane River and Red River Levees. He advised that these reports would need to be forwarded to FEMA and the Corps of Engineers with an appropriate cover letter. This will be done by Ronald Corkern, Jr. There was nothing further to report from DOTD.

The Office Activity Report was given by Ronald Corkern, Jr. He advised that the State Civil Service Board had approved the hiring of the two additional employees in the position of Mobile Equipment Operator 1/Heavy. He further advised that three applications had been received and each of the applicants was present to be interviewed by the Board. Corkern further advised that Alltel had refunded the overpayment in the amount of \$6,668.00.

Corkern further reported that the Board would not be able to roll the milage forward for this calendar year since the previous vote was four to one and that did not constitute two-thirds of the entire Board. There were two members absent from the June Board meeting. We will be able to take the issue up again next spring, and with a two-thirds vote of the entire Board, we will be able to roll the milage forward at that time if the Board desires to do so.

Each Board member was provided a copy of the application for employment received from Andy Pierce, Billy Dunn and Charles Gourdon. Adolph Sklar, Jr. made a Motion to go into executive session to discuss personnel issues, and this was seconded by Alfred Bruning. The Board voted unanimously to go into executive session. Following an interview of each job applicant and discussion, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and again seconded by Alfred Bruning, to come out of the executive session and return to the regular meeting. This Motion passed unanimously.

At this time a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Gary Anderson to hire the two employees with the most votes by Board members. The Motion passed unanimously, following which each Board member was asked to vote for two of the three job applicants, and the two individuals receiving the most votes were Andy Pierce and Billy Dunn. Ronald Corkern, Jr. was asked by the Board President, Karlton Methvin, to notify Pierce and Dunn of the Board's desire to hire each at the salaries discussed during executive session and to determine whether each wished to accept the terms of employment. Corkern was also asked to advise

Charles Gourdon of the Board's decision and to inform him that his application would be kept on file in the event there was an additional opening in the future.

Under new business, Corkern provided the Board with a copy of a permit request by Darla Dunn to erect a fence and gate on the Levee. A copy of this application was provided to Melvin Hicks, who will review same and contact the Corps of Engineers.

Under old business, Karlton Methvin advised that the contract for providing rock to the west bank of the Red River Levee had been let to Hayes Construction Company out of Pineville for the total sum of \$2,000,000.00. The Corps hoped that the contractor would begin work in September. Methvin further advised that the Police Jury had placed rock on the Levee from Highway 490 to the boat ramp.

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 9th day of September, 2008, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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