

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT**

August 9, 2016

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 9, 2016, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.

The minutes of the July, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mark Swafford, to approve the July, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. President, Karlton Methvin, inquired as to what the payment to the State Civil Service Board was for. Ronald Corkern indicated that they received an invoice from the State Civil Service Board in the amount of the payment made and although he could not recall exactly what the invoice represented, it was not a discretionary payment. Corkern promised to review the invoice and advise the Board at the next meeting as to what the payment was for. Following public

comment, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the July, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by the Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn first advised the Board that he wished to be on vacation August 5-19, if those dates were satisfactory with the Board. A discussion followed as to who would be in charge while he was absent and who would provide the maintenance report at the August Board meeting. Following this discussion, the Board approved Mr. Dunn's request for vacation time.

Mr. Dunn further advised that his crew was currently discing the levee at Powhatan. He advised that they had cleaned out the culverts that had become dammed up during the flood and had also set pipes at both the Crooks place and at Hampton. Mr. Dunn also advised that the welder was presently working on the lift gates at the Miller place. The work being done is to enable the crew to hold the gates up when it is necessary to clean out the pipe for purposes of flood control.

A discussion followed regarding the spraying that had been done for Johnson grass. Jeremy Gilbert, representative of Edko, Inc. responded to questions by various Board members based upon his inspection of the levees that day. Mr. Gilbert also advised that an invoice had been submitted for spraying of the Johnson grass and the Board approved payment of this invoice.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that the poles had been set to gauge the level of the water and that numbers would be placed on the poles in the very near future.

Mr. Sticker also advised on the status on the work being performed at Cloutierville. The contractor is currently covering up the embankment. Ms. Rogé advised that her husband had talked with the contractor who indicated that the road (Highway 491) would be opened in about three weeks.

Mr. Sticker further advised that he had provided to Ronald Corkern and his secretary, Tina Coffey, additional information regarding location of the damage to the levee/flood gates during the most recent flood and current costs. A Board discussion followed, and it was agreed that we should ask Tina to be sure to

include everything in our request for reimbursement and let FEMA tell us if something is not qualified.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had obtained quotes on all flap gates and he felt like replacing the flap gate at Chivary Dam was going to be the easiest and quickest fix. He received an estimate of \$4,600 for the gate and frame at Chivary. He estimated it would cost approximately \$10,000 to contract with a company to hang the gate once it had been purchased. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mark Swafford to authorize the purchase of the flap gate for the estimated sum of \$4,600 and to thereafter obtain quotes from three contractors to do the necessary work to hang the gate. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously. Mr. Sticker advised that we could later slip line the pipe at Chivary Dam if we obtained funds from FEMA that would allow us to do so.

Sticker will prepare specifications for the work to be done by the contractor at Chivary Dam and forward those specs to Corkern so that he may obtain quotes from at least three contractors. Mr. Sticker estimated the work to be done for approximately \$10,000.

Finally, Mr. Sticker advised that he was currently working on a map showing all of the boundaries with respect to the State levee at Cloutierville wherein the landowner had requested that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District abandon the levee to the landowner. When Mr. Sticker's map is finished a copy will be provided to each Board member and this matter will be further discussed at the next monthly meeting.

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

Approved on the 13th day of September, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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