

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 14, 2010
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 September 14, 2010, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Ronald Corkern, Attorney/Assistant Secretary
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member
Mark Swafford, Member
C.D. Brazzel, Jr., Member
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD
Alan Sheppard, Edko
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent

The minutes for the August 9, 2010 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Doris Rogé, the August minutes were unanimously approved.

The August, 2010 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Adolph Sklar, Jr., the August Financial Statement was approved.

The Maintenance Report was given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that they had finished cutting the Carmelina del Valle place. At the present time they were working on the area adjacent to Highway 1225, and after that they were going to move over to Lee Posey's place to complete some work there. They

also had some work to complete on Charles Seaman's place. The Board discussed the letter received from Attorney Brenner Sadler regarding the del Valle property. Mr. Sadler contends that the levees on this property are neither Federal nor State levees, but instead were built by the adjacent property owners to keep water from backing up on them. There was some discussion that these levees are not included on the Federal maps we have, and may not be included on the maps of the State levees. Gary Eldridge agreed to do some research to see if he could determine whether we have any jurisdiction over the levee in question.

Mr. Sklar asked Robert Vercher to look at the main ditch that goes under Highway 1 and all the way to Bayou Pierre. The ditch appears to be in bad shape. Mr. Vercher agreed to look at the ditch and clean it as soon as they could.

An inquiry was made as to how the new bushhog was working. Mr. Vercher advised that it appeared to be doing good, and that the crew seemed to be pleased with it.

Mr. Vercher further advised the Board that they needed to take out the fence row on Gary Roshto's place. The Board suggested that Mr. Corkern contact Mr. Roshto or his attorney to make certain they were agreeable to this before commencing the work.

Gary Eldridge advised that the plans and specifications for the Marco Flood Gates are at Facility and Planning in Baton Rouge for their review. As soon as he gets the plans back with their comments we will be able to bid the project. Under the terms of the Plans and Specifications a pre-bid conference will be held and attendance at this conference is mandatory for all individuals or entities submitting a bid. Eldridge suggested that Corkern write a letter to the Corps of Engineers requesting them to inspect all pipes on both the Federal and non-Federal levees.

Ronald Corkern reviewed with the Board the comments made by the Legislative Auditor. He advised the Board it appeared as though there would be only two findings. One finding is really a technical issue that the auditor agreed we should not change our practice for because of the cost associated with providing the auditor with more detailed information to conduct the audit. The other finding is based upon Louisiana law that requires a public entity to amend its budget if its expenses exceed its budget by

more than 5%. Our expenses for the last fiscal year exceeded our budget by 6.5%, and therefore we should have amended our budget.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he had purchased the John Deere Bushhog after conferring with others about the best bushhog for cutting the levees. The bushhog was purchased from John Deere under the State contract.

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 October, 2010, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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