

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
January 14, 2014  
6:00 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 January 14, 2014, 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  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Alan Shephard, Edko, Inc.  
Billy Dunn, Foreman

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A Motion was made by Charles Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Doris Rogé to supplement the agenda to discuss the work that needed to be done at Highway 495 at Cloutierville. This Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A second Motion to amend the agenda was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to discuss the District's continued membership in the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana. The Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the December, 2013 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr., and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., to approve the December, 2013 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2013 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the December, 2013 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that they were continuing to clean ditches. His crew recently cleaned the L-4 ditch. They are presently trimming trees. They started at Campti and are working downstream from there.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that there would be another delay in the delivery of the gate for the Larry Hampton Floodgates. He indicated that he would know the next day when the new projected delivery date would be. It was expected that the delivery date would be sometime around the end of February. This would mean that the contract, Tom Tubre, would request a further extension of the completion date, and of course, the Board would have to grant that request.

Mr. Sticker also advised that Senator Long had requested DOTD finance and replace the structures under Louisiana Highway 495 at Cloutierville. The secretary of DOTD is aggressively seeking a funding source. Mr. Sticker advised that his research had determined that the structures underneath the highway were designed in 1939. The pipes were originally placed under the roadway in the 1940s. The current configuration has existed since 1956. If DOTD agrees to finance and replace the structures they will require a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District and DOTD. It will also be necessary for us to obtain a permit from the Army Corps of Engineers. Finally, upon completion of the work, DOTD would require the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District to take ownership of the structures.

Corkern advised that he had talked with Senator Long who advised that he had been in conversation with the secretary of DOTD, Ms. Sherri LaBas. Senator Long indicated that DOTD would finance the majority of the necessary work provided the

Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District agreed to make some financial contribution, perhaps an amount equal to 10%.

At this time a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Rayburn Smith authorizing Corkern to advise DOTD that Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District would pay 10% of the cost associated with the replacement of the structures under Louisiana Highway 495 at Cloutierville. This Motion passed unanimously.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he had received a call from Chris Brouillette with RABB. RABB is going to loan equipment to the District to help trap the beavers and clean out the beaver population.

A Motion was then made by Mark Swafford to authorize Karlton Methvin to continue the District's membership in the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana and authorizing Corkern to make payment of the membership fee. This Motion was seconded by Billy Giddens. The Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that the 89<sup>th</sup> Red River Valley Association annual convention would be held in Bossier City on February 19 and 20, 2014. Corkern inquired as to whether any Board members would be able to attend this convention. Mrs. Rogé advised that she would be able to attend and Corkern agreed to make her reservation.

Corkern further advised the Board that we had received three quotes for the lower Cane River floodgate improvements. The three quotes were opened and were as follows:

Regional Construction, LLC	\$49,625.00
Credence Construction, LLC	\$49,775.00
Progressive Construction Company, LLC	\$52,500.00

Following the recommendation of Mr. Sticker, a Motion was made by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Rayburn Smith to request permission from Mr. John Richard with Facility & Planning to enter into a contract with Regional Construction, LLC for the work on the lower Cane River floodgates described in the plans and specifications with the understanding the NLDD would be responsible for the payment of any amount in excess of the funds originally included for this project in the Capital Outley budget adopted by the La. Legislature. The Motion passed unanimously.

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 voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 11<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2014, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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