

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
January 13, 2009
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 13, 2009, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President
Janet Jones, Secretary
Doris Rogé, Member
Adolph Sklar, Member
Alfred Bruning, Member
Gary Anderson, Member

Absent were:

Billy Giddens, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Sheppard, SprayMax

The minutes from the December 9, 2008 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Gary Anderson, the Minutes were approved.

The December, 2008 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, seconded by Gary Anderson, the December, 2008 Financial Statement was approved.

A motion to supplement the agenda to submit three names to the Governor for the Cane River Waterway Commission was brought by Adolph Sklar and seconded by Gary Anderson. After some discussion it was decided that they would resubmit Danny Matt and specify him as their preference. They would allow Mr. Corkern to list the other two names to be submitted.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. He reported that they have continued to clean the bridges at Passon Bayou. The City has asked that we clean the canals. It was decided that the Board would have the City obtain the permits to remove the trees and then we would remove them. Vercher is to go ahead with the work if no permit is needed. Gary Eldridge with the DOTD is to call the Corps to find out about the permit. Vercher is to keep removing logs, but not to dig.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. Eldridge had been contacted by Gerald Longlois regarding drainage problems in the area east of Cane River Lake (Bayou Passon). Mr. Eldridge did a site visit and prepared a summary of the visit that he would send to Mr. Longlois if approved by the Board. The Board decided to have Mr. Corkern review the summary and would take the matter up again next month. Mr. Eldridge also reported that they had received something from NRCS regarding the McGraw Structure. They are going to review that and let the Board know about it.

The Office Activity Report was given by Tina Coffey in Ronald Corkern's absence. She reported that they had received a check from the Natchitoches Parish Sheriff's Office in the amount of \$113,400.35 and asked whether the Board wanted to apply it to an existing CD or start a new one. After some discussion it was decided that it could be applied to an existing account as long as it was insured. Ms. Coffey is to contact Peoples State Bank regarding this matter. Ms. Coffey also advised that Dennis Antee had made a request for the employees to enroll in OGB Flexible Benefits Plan. There are three options. After some discussion, a motion was made by Adolph Sklar and seconded by Doris Rogé to allow the employees to enroll in this program as long as it did not cost the Board anything. Mr. Vercher is to tell the employees to choose which plan they would like to enroll in and let Mr. Corkern know.

In other business, Gary Anderson advised that the new employees were unhappy about only getting paid once a month. Mr. Vercher was told to have them contact Mr. Corkern.

Karlton Methvin gave the Administrator's Report. He advised that the Corps would be coming to next month's meeting to explain the inspection report. The report says that fences and trees have to be removed within two years. There would be no help to the landowners for the removal. Mr. Methvin also advised that he had been to Saline Bayou and has seen the problem there. The Corps has been there and is checking into rock for the area. If

the Corps can get the rock the Board has agreed to spread it. It is still too wet out there.

In other new business, the six-month raises for the new employees were discussed, as well as the PPR Form due for Mr. Vercher.

The inspection reports were discussed and it was agreed that they would be looked at further next month.

The Board discussed the travel expenses for Ronald Corkern and Doris Rogé to attend the Annual Levee Board Meeting in New Orleans in December. On motion of Janet Jones and seconded by Adolph Sklar, the travel expenses were approved.

The sale of the property in Cloutierville was discussed. The property will be advertised and bids are to be submitted by the February Board meeting. All bids will be opened at that meeting. The Board has a right to reject all bids. The property will be sold as-is by quitclaim deed.

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

Approved on the 10th day of February, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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