MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 14, 2025
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 to order at Valley Farmer’s Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on October 14, 2025, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mark Swafford, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Luke Miller, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Dylan Lashley, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to discuss and approve the invoice submitted by Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson for engineering services related to the Powhatan and Campti-Clarence project. Following public discussion, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add this item.

The September, 2025 minutes were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to approve the September, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The August and September, 2025 financial statements were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the August and September, 2025 financial statements. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew had been cleaning the L4 and L8 ditches.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had sent the U.S. Corps of Engineers the request for permits relative to the encroachments of power lines and gas lines. He noted that this was actually the second time he had sent the permit application. The Corps has previously indicated that upon receipt of an application to permit these encroachments it would review and approve the application.

In other business, Luke Miller and Dylan Lashley with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson reported on their recommendation for repairs to the Powhatan Levee. They also presented an invoice in the amount of $19,375.00 for engineering work relative to this Capital Outlay Project. Following a discussion by the Board, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to approve the recommendation of Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson for repairs to the Powhatan Levee and to authorize payment of the invoice in the amount of $19,357.00. After public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern discussed with the Board the meeting he and Karlton Methvin had with representatives of the Alera Group and recommended that the Board authorize Corkern to retain the Alera Group as our insurance agent. Corkern noted that the Alera Group had reviewed the current policy of insurance and discovered several items that needed to be addressed. The current policy contains an exclusion for damages resulting from all work on levees, which is ridiculous considering that is the nature of the work we do. The Alera Group also pointed out that we were leasing two tractors from John Deere and the lease included insurance coverage for damage to the tractors. We were also paying through the Cunningham Agency for coverage on these same tractors. Following additional discussion regarding insurance, Sklar recommended that we invite the Alera Group representatives to our next Board meeting to further discuss insurance coverage. The remainder of the Board of Commissioners were in agreement.

A Motion was made by Tyler and seconded by Swafford to change the monthly meeting time from 7:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Following public comment, this Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 11th day of November, 2025, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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