

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
October 14, 2014  
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 October 14, 2014, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

None.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Alan Sheppard  
Billy Dunn

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

The minutes of the September, 2014 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Charles Brazzel, Jr., and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the September, 2014 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The August, 2014 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the August, 2014 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2014 financial statement was also reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the September, 2014 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by the Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had been making repairs to the area in the southern part of the parish. They had had to haul some dirt to fill ruts and sink holes. Mr. Dunn also discussed the continuing issue with the levee in the southern part of the parish where water pooled by the Red River Waterway Commission is against our levee. The Red River Waterway Commission needs to build a berm to keep the water away from the base of the levee. Corkern was asked to write a letter to the Red River Waterway Commission advising that the Corps of Engineers has advised us that this area of the levee is unacceptable because of the water against our levee.

Mr. Dunn also advised that the Wildlife Management employee we contracted with to trap beavers had actually trapped 67 beavers to date. He was still working and expected to be through in a couple of more weeks. Fourteen beavers were trapped on Willard Jones' property.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker gave an update on Channel L-20 which runs through the Joe Regard property. Mr. Sticker also advised that replacement of the drain pipes under Louisiana Highway 495 at Cloutierville was still on schedule. The State hoped to bid the project early next year.

Mr. Sticker also advised that the Board would need to submit the capital outlay request. Corkern advised that several years ago various work had been put into the capital outlay request to be funded in three stages. The first stage has been funded and the work completed. The third stage was replacement of the pipes under Highway 495 at Cloutierville, but because of the urgency of replacing those pipes that project is being funded and completed through a cooperative endeavor agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development. Corkern requested authority from the Board to engage Randy LaCaze to electronically submit Stage III in the capital outlay request for 2015. The Board authorized Corkern to contract with LaCaze to do the necessary work at the same price paid to Mr. LaCaze last year, i.e. \$750.00.

Mr. Sticker also informed the Board regarding the conference held between himself, Methvin, Corkern, Mayor Lee Posey and others regarding Channel L-30. In summary, there was little the Levee Board or the City of Natchitoches could do that would significantly improve drainage of the area served by Channel L-30. The cost would significantly deplete the Levee Board's reserve and would improve the water flow by no more than 10% at most. During the meeting with the Mayor and other City employees it was determined that the City would apply for a grant under the Statewide Flood Control Program that would allow for further excavation of Channel L-30 and/or concreting.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised that he had talked with a representative of the Corps of Engineers and was told that we had received an unsatisfactory rating on the Campti side of Red River, and a minimally acceptable rating on the Natchitoches side of the river. The reason for these ratings is because we have not had the pipes videoed. The Natchitoches Levee Board does not have sufficient funds to video all of the pipes. We have requested this service be provided by the Corps of Engineers, but they have indicated they do not have funds to do that. Mr. Sticker advised the Board that he was continuing to work with DOTD in hope that DOTD would take the lead in videoing the pipes not only for the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District, but other levee and drainage districts as well.

Ronald Corkern discussed with the Board the meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana on December 3-4, 2014. Reservations were made for Doris Rogé, Karlton Methvin, and Ronald Corkern. At that meeting Adolph Sklar, Jr. will be recognized for his service to Natchitoches Parish. Corkern was asked to invite Mrs. Sklar to the annual meeting in New Orleans.

Billy Dunn pointed out that the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District would be on November 11, 2014. This is a State holiday. A motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mark Swafford to change the November meeting of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District to Wednesday, November 12, 2014. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Jones pointed out that the time change would occur before our next meeting, and therefor moved that the monthly meetings of the Natchitoches Levee and Drainage District begin at 6:00 p.m. beginning with the November 12, 2014 meeting. This Motion was seconded by Billy Giddens and 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 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2014, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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