

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
October 11, 2016
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 11, 2016, 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
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer

President Methvin called the meeting to order. A Motion was made by Terry Sklar to amend the agenda to authorize President Methvin to execute a contract with Three J Construction to flush the pipe and install the flap gate at Chivary Dam. The Motion was seconded by Mark Swafford and following public discussion, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

The minutes of the September, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones, to approve the September, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The September, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the September, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn, gave the maintenance report. Mr. Dunn advised that his team was through cutting grass for this year. There are still a few places they need to clean up, and will do so prior to the next Board meeting.

Dunn also reported that he found a slide on the levee near Hines Road in Powhatan. This is a State levee. They have already fixed the slide. Mr. Dunn also advised that the gate at Chivary Dam was now in. We need to now have the gate installed and that is the subject of the Motion to amend the agenda that will be discussed later in the meeting.

Mr. Dunn also reported that Derrick Murphy had completed work on the flap gates. All flap gates are now operational. Dunn further reported that they still need to put numbers on the water depth gauges. They will have that completed in the next week or two.

Dunn further reported that a landowner, Roger Bayonne, has put a pipe in the L-5 Chanel that is undersigned. It is damming up the ditch. Brad Sticker will look at it and report to the Board. Additionally, someone has put a pipe in W-9 without a permit. Brad was asked to look at that pipe as well.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that they are fabricating the gate to be installed at Highway 495. He does not know when the construction crew will get back on that job.

Mr. Sticker also reviewed with the Board maps of the Albritton/Delta Land Company property. Pending before the Board was a request by Delta Land Company to abandon the levee that ran through their property. Mr. Sticker advised the Board that if the Levee Board abandoned the levee there was a possibility that property other than that owned by Delta Land Company could flood and thus be impacted. Following discussion, Corkern was asked to write a letter to Nathan Albritton and Delta Land Company advising that we could not abandon the levee due to the potential

impact on land owned by individuals other than Delta Land Company.

The Board further discussed the fact that some of Nathan Albritton's fence line was within the 15' right of way. It is necessary for the Board to do maintenance in this area and in order to accomplish this the fence will have to be removed. Corkern was asked to write a letter to Nathan Albritton advising that his fence should be repositioned so that it does not lie within 15' from the toe of the levee. Corkern was asked to advise Mr. Albritton that any fence remaining in the right of way after two weeks would be removed.

With respect to the debris removal in that area, the Board requested Billy Dunn to contact Sawyer Cason and obtain a quote to remove and grind everything lying within the right of way.

President Methvin informed the Board that he had gone to look at Charles Dalme's pecan trees which Mr. Dalme claimed had been killed as a result of spraying of the levee. Methvin advised that he looked at the trees and determined that the grass underneath the trees was not dead. Methvin could not understand how the spray could have killed the trees and not the grass. There was further discussion regarding the spray used and the belief that it should not have caused any harm to the pecan trees. The Board agreed not to take any action on this matter.

In other business, a Motion as made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Rayburn Smith to allow the Board to enter into a contract with Three J Construction to flush the pipe and install the flap gate at Chivary Dam for the total cost of \$9,077.22. Following public discussion, the Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the 2016 inspection. We received a very good report except for the fact that we are unable to video our pipes. Further discussion followed regarding the prospect of having the pipes videoed and the cost associated with doing this.

In other business, Corkern reminded the Board of the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana which will held in New Orleans on December 7 and 8. Mrs. Rogé, Mr. Methvin and Corkern advised they would attend this meeting.

The Board also discussed the intergovernmental agreement with the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development for repairs made to the Cloutierville dam. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve Change

Order No. 2 and to authorize Corkern to pay the invoice associated with this Change Order received from DOTD. After public discussion, this Motion passed unanimously. In follow up, Corkern was requested to ask Tina Coffey to include this additional invoice paid by the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District in our claim to FEMA.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to adjourn. The Board verbally voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 8th day of November, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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