

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
November 13, 2019
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 November 13, 2019, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Casey Messenger, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jamarquis Torrente, DOTD Engineer
Paul Trimble, Engineer with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix &
Hickson, LLC

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.

The October, 2019 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the October, 2019 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The October, 2019 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve the October, 2019 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Paul Trimble, engineer with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hickson, LLC, gave an update on the Lower Cane River Flood Mitigation Project. He advised that everything has been submitted to FEMA and much of the information has been submitted twice.

Mr. Trimble also advised that the work on Culverts 4 and 6 have been advertised and bid. The bids were scheduled to be opened at the current meeting. At the request of the Board, Mr. Trimble opened each of the bids and recorded same. The low bidder appeared to be JPD Construction, LLC. A Motion was made by Giddens and seconded by Sklar to appoint Paul Trimble to review all bids and make certain all bid requirements were met and, assuming the lowest bid was in order, to award the project to JPD Construction, LLC. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, the Maintenance Superintendent, gave a report on all maintenance conducted subsequent to the last meeting. He reported that his crew had worked on the pipe and foundation off of Hyams Road. They have covered the pipe with dirt and need to put rock down, but the ground has been too soft to finish that work. Weather permitting, he expected to finish that work within the next week.

At the present time his crew is moving equipment to W-2 at Allen and will finish work in that area.

Mr. Dunn further advised that the crew has clipped all of the levees again, and is cleaning things up for the winter. There is a little mowing left on the Natchitoches side and they should be through with that in the next few days. He also advised that they had graded the Oger Levee again.

Dunn also advised that they were again having trouble with the beavers. Following further discussion and public comment, a Motion was made by Giddens and seconded by Sklar to hire the professional trapper we have used in the past to again trap beavers wherever there is a problem. The Motion passed unanimously.

Brad Stricker, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had looked at the levee setback at Powhatan and determined that they would have enough dirt to do the work. One area of work is located on Jolley Nash's property, and the another area is on Ned's property. Mr. Sticker advised that he would prepare a new estimate for the cost associated with this work.

Mr. Sticker also advised that there is an undersized pipe located in the L-6 ditch on Mr. Williams' place, the property leased by Louis Wellan. The pipe is causing the water to back up and is not permitted. Smith made a Motion, which was seconded by Sklar, to take whatever action is necessary to keep the ditch open, including removal of the pipe. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously. The Board requested Corkern to write a letter to Mr. Wellan advising him of the situation and notifying him that if he wished to purchase a proper sized pipe the Levee Board personnel would put the pipe in at no cost.

In other business, Corkern reminded the Board of the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in New Orleans on December 4 and 5. Corkern, Methvin and Messenger will attend that meeting.

Corkern also introduced the invoice from Randy LaCaze regarding the work he performed in commission of the capital outlay applications for 2020-2021. A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Swafford to approve payment of that invoice. After public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 10th day of December, 2019, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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