

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
February 11, 2025
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 to order at Valley Farmer's Co-Op, 250 Rapides Drive, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on February 11, 2025, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Ford Stinson, Edko, LLC

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The January, 2025 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Messenger to approve the January, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The December, 2024 financial statement was not available at the last meeting and thus was reviewed and discussed at this meeting. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith

and seconded by Jones to approve the December, 2024 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously. Corkern advised that the January, 2025 financial statement was not available for review, but the Board did review and discuss the check register for January, 2025. No action was required.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that his crew had finished cleaning the L-25 ditch and had mowed the banks. Mr. Dunn further reported that his crew had assisted the Parish in cleaning out the ditch under the bridge on Blanchard Road. Dunn's crew cleared the debris from the ditch and loaded it on Parish dump trucks. Mr. Dunn further reported that his crew had cleared the debris out of the four 60" pipes on Laird Fletcher Road. Finally, the crew has worked on the tractors, getting them ready for spring mowing.

President Karlton Methvin reported on a meeting last week between himself, Corkern, Nash, Susan Douglas and a representative from Senator Bill Cassidy's office, Stephanie McKenzie. These individuals first met in Corkern's office to discuss the issue with the revetment in Red River near Mr. Nash's home. There are two homes in the rock revetment that allows water to be funneled against the levee. There is a large section of levee that has fallen into the river up to the crown of the levee. All of the aforementioned individuals then traveled to the site of the levee in question near Mr. Nash's home and made a visual inspection. Ms. McKenzie indicated the need for the Corps to make repairs was evident, and she would contact others in Senator Cassidy's Office to see if they could assist in getting this done.

Methvin further advised the Board that we had paid the last note on the dozer. A discussion then followed as to whether we should trade in the dozer for a new one or continue using the dozer that is paid for. Nash advised that he felt our dozier probably had a current value of \$70,000 to \$80,000, and that a new one would probably cost \$150,000 to \$160,000. Dunn advised that the dozer was running well. There was further discussion regarding having the undercarriage of the dozer inspected. Dunn will look into this. The consensus of the Board was to keep the dozer we currently have for another year.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that following the last meeting he had met with a representative of DOTD and Grant Bryant on site to address Bryant's concerns about his ability to move farm equipment across the road where DOTD is currently putting in a new bridge. Bryant was advised that this

was not a Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District issue, but an issue that could only be addressed by DOTD. The representative from DOTD advised Bryant that it was his responsibility to cross the road safely.

Jordan Lemoine, representative of Edko, LLC, presented the Board with two contracts for spraying. One contract was for \$189,693.11 for the same work as performed last year by Edko, LLC. This sum represented a 1.5% increase over last year's cost. The second contract presented two proposals. The proposals were for two broadcast herbicide applications to include a pre-emergent applications and a post-emergent application. One proposal was to spray from Highway 491 to Marco at a cost of \$39,000; and the other proposal was to spray from the boat ramp to Marco at a cost of \$20,000. The pre-emergent application will eliminate any thistles from emerging the following spring, so the following amounts would be removed from the thistle application price:

Highway 491 to Marco - \$3,600
Boat ramp to Marco - \$2,000

Following discussion and public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to accept the proposal for the same spraying as last year in the total amount of \$189,693.11, and to also accept the second proposal to broadcast herbicide applications from Highway 491 to Marco for the total sum of \$39,400.00. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

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

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