

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 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 March 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

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.

The February, 2025 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Tyler to approve the February, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The January, 2025 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 Tyler and seconded by Smith to approve the January, 2025 financial

statement. The Motion passed unanimously. Corkern advised that the February, 2025 financial statement was not available for review, but the Board did review and discuss the check register for February, 2025. No action was required. The February, 2025 Financial Statement will be reviewed at the next Board meeting.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that his crew was spraying all of the structures and rock to kill the weeds.

Corkern advised Mr. Dunn that he had met with a gentleman by the name of Brian Briggs who was asking permission to conduct a boot camp on property across from the Superone Grocery Store on Highway 6. The property lies between the By-Pass and the Sibley Lake levee. Mr. Dunn confirmed that this property is owned by the City of Natchitoches and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District has no control over its usage.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that the State had completed an inspection of the State levees and everything looked good except for areas where there was hog damage. A general discussion regarding hogs followed. Apparently, the Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries prohibits shooting hogs from a helicopter. Sklar advised that he owns property in Texas where this is not only legal, but quite effective. The Board requested Methvin and Corkern to speak with the directors of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana and urge that group to encourage Louisiana Wildlife & Fisheries to allow hogs to be shot from helicopters at the landowners expense.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that long-time Board Engineer, Paul Trimble, passed away the night before. Methvin advised that he had talked with Susan Douglas, and she was very upset over the death of Mr. Trimble and decided not to attend the meeting, but had nothing to report on.

In other business, Corkern reminded the Board that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana's Annual Workshop would be held in Baton Rouge on May 1 and 2, 2025. Corkern encouraged Board Members to attend and requested they notify either himself or Tina to make reservations if they were able to attend.

Corkern further reminded the Board that Financial Disclosures Statements are due on May 15, 2025. Board Members Smith, Sklar, Messenger, Nash and Tyler still need to file their Financial Disclosure Statements.

Corkern also advised that each Board Member needed to complete the ethics online training. Board Members Smith, Messenger, and Nash need to complete this training.

Corkern advised that a fund raiser was being held for Senator Alan Seabaugh at Merci Beaucoup on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Corkern encouraged all Board Members to make an effort to stop by.

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

Approved on the 8th day of April, 2025, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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