

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 10, 2026
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 10, 2026, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member
Casey Messenger Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Luke Miller, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Trey Simon, Alera Group

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 February, 2026 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Nash to approve the February, 2026 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The January, 2026 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. The February, 2026 financial statement was not ready

at the time of the Board meeting, but the Board did review and discuss the February, 2026 check register. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the January, 2026 financial statement and the February, 2026 check register. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that the crew had finished up repairing damage caused by hog rooting. They were currently spraying all of the State levees and structures located thereon.

The crew is in the process of moving the equipment down on the L-26 ditch and will start cleaning that ditch next week.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised he had nothing to report.

Luke Miller, Engineer with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixsen, gave an update on the Powhatan project. He advised the group that their studies have revealed a 30' hole on the backside of the levee next to Jolley Nash's house. The channel in this area is only 15' to 17' deep. Consequently, there is a significant amount of pressure on the rock revetment and he has brought this to the attention of the Corps. He is hopeful that the Corps will recognize the significance of this finding. If nothing is done the pressure will eventually cause the revetment to cave in, thus affecting the navigability of the river in this area. The Corps has designated that portion of Red River between Alexandria and Shreveport as a strategic military highway. Consequently, it is imperative that the Corps keep the river navigable. Reportedly, the Corps is going to do some dredging and approximately 7,000 yards of dirt would be needed to fill the hole between the rock revetment and the levee next to Mr. Nash's home. Dumping the dredged dirt into this hole would result in both a cost savings to the Corps and stabilization of the rock revetment.

Miller further explained to the Board his conversation with Joy Johnson, the State employee who is overseeing the Powhatan project. Johnson advised that she has received sufficient information to show the Legislature that this project is progressing and hopefully the money in P5 will be moved to P1 so that we can proceed with the project at which time we would enter into an amended contract with the State.

In other business, Karlton Methvin led a discussion regarding conversations he had with a John Deere representative relative to the two tractors we are currently leasing. The lease

will expire in May and we have a choice of keeping the two tractors we have purchasing an extended warranty or trading the tractors in and leasing two new tractors that would come with a new warranty. Following a discussion regarding the merits of leasing two new tractors versus retaining ownership of the tractors we have and purchasing an extended warranty, the Board decided to wait until next month to make a decision. In the meantime, Methvin advised that he would ask John Deere to put in writing the two options.

Ronald Corkern introduced Trey Simon with the Alera Group and Simon led a discussion regarding insurance. Our current policy of general liability insurance will expire in May, 2026. Simon reviewed with the Board a proposed insurance policy from Glatfelter Public Entities. The quote received from Glatfelter was for \$48,725.00. This quote included excess liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000. The premium associated with this coverage would be \$5,546.00. Under our existing policy through Allied Public Risk, there is no excess liability coverage. Additionally, we are currently paying \$52,724.00 for the same coverage but doesn't include excess liability. If you did not purchase the excess liability, then the quote from Glatfelter would be a little over \$43,000 v. \$52,724 we are currently paying. After further discussion, the Board advised Simon that they definitely wanted to purchase the \$1,000,000 excess coverage at a cost of \$5,546.00. A final decision on the purchase of liability insurance will be decided at the April meeting.

A motion was then made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to change the time of the Board's monthly meeting 7:00 p.m. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 14th day of April, 2026, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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