

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
March 8, 2016
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 March 8, 2016, 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
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Janet Jones, Secretary

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Foreman
Michael Vasko, Edko, Inc.
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

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

The February, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Doris

Rogé and seconded by Rayburn Smith to approve the February, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by the Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised they the crew was still working on clearing trees and overhanging limbs on the Campti-Clarence side of the levee. They also worked on cleaning vegetation between Highway 6 and the levee. He advised that we have an issue with one tree on Highway 6. They are unable to cut the tree without it falling into the roadway. We will probably have to contract with someone to cut the tree down far enough for our crew to push it down without it falling into the road.

Mr. Dunn also advised that they may have to close the Miller and Hampton flood gates. He indicated with the prediction for rain the remainder of the week the crew would be on standby to open or close whatever gates were necessary. If necessary, the crew will work during the upcoming weekend.

Mr. Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, stated that the contractor was ready to start back working on the Cloutierville flood gates and then the rain came. With the amount of rain that is expected over the next few days it may be summer before they are able to get back to work.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he has prepared a response to the Corps of Engineer's 2015 inspection report. The Corps required the Levee Board to respond to the report with a written plan setting forth how we intended to resolve those areas that failed inspection. Corkern had previously asked Mr. Sticker for help in formulating that response.

Mr. Sticker also advised the Board that the Corps of Engineers predicted the biggest rainfall to be east of Dennison Dam which will be good for us, inasmuch as it will decrease the amount of water coming down Red River. He also advised that all of the catch basins had sufficient capacity to store the rainfall that was expected over the next few days.

Finally, Mr. Sticker advised that the State was scheduled to inspect the State levees this week, but that would not happen due to the rain.

Karlton Methvin advised that he was unable to locate a six foot dirt bucket. He had talked with Doggett, LLC and they could not locate one. He also made other inquiries without success.

Following further discussion, the Board agreed we would need to big a six yard dirt bucket. Billy Dunn and Karlton Methvin will assist Corkern in preparing the specs for the bid and Corkern will host the bid.

Mrs. Doris Rogé reported on the Red River Valley Association meeting in Shreveport. There was more discussion regarding levee certification and a lot of discussion regarding last year's flooding and the reasons for it. One of the reasons was the lower capacity in Red River because of the silt deposit. She also advised that the Corps planned to install hydroelectric generators at Lock & Dams 3, 4 and 5 to generate electricity. The revenue derived from this will be used for upkeep and maintenance.

A discussion then followed regarding the applications for employment received by Corkern. President Methvin appointed a committee of Billy Dunn, himself and Mark Swafford to interview those candidates thought to be possible hires. A Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Rayburn Smith to give the committee authority to interview and hire up to two employees. If the committee elects to hire fewer than two employees, then Corkern was authorized to post the job opening again.

A Motion was then made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Mark Swafford to change the meeting time for the monthly meetings from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., effective April 12, 2016. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 12th day of April, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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