

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
April 9, 2024
7:00 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 April 9, 2024, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Kay Foshee, Secretary-Treasurer
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
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 7:00 p.m. by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The March, 2024 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the March, 2024 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The March, 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar

and seconded by Swafford to approve the Financial Statements as provided. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew was still removing limbs and brush on the right of way and repairing damage to the levee made by wild hogs. Dunn estimated his crew would be through with this work in another week. They have also been spraying all of the rocks and the structures.

The DOTD report was given by Jarmarquis Torrence. Torrence said that there was no update on the status of the L-20 ditch. We are still waiting on Paul Trimble to hear back from the Corps of Engineers.

Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, reported on the meeting with the Corps of Engineers held this past week at the Offices of the Red River Waterway Commission. Corkern, Methvin, Nash and Douglas were present on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. The Corps brought about 16 individuals for this meeting. We learned that the Corps has surveyed the Red River and made a list of projects. The revetment work at Powhatan and on the Campti-Clarence side are listed as Parties No. 2 and 3. This does not necessarily mean that the Corps will receive funding to make these repairs. However, the Corps was hopeful that money would be included in a \$12,000,000.00 earmark submitted by Speaker Johnson's Office. Nash pointed out that what the Corps had listed as Party No. 2 was actually south of where the real problem lies, which was pointed out to the Corps during the meeting. Nash further pointed out that even if the Corps were to make repairs to the areas identified at Powhatan and Campti-Clarence, this will not solve the overall problem, since the design of the rock revetment in these areas appear to be defective for reasons discussed.

Douglas also advised the Board that House Bill 2 remains before the Legislature, and included in that Bill is \$135,000.00 in general funds for the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District, with an additional \$1,300,000.00 in priority funds.

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 2 and 3, 2024. Corkern advised that anyone wishing to attend must let Tina know by Wednesday in order to register them for this workshop.

Corkern also advised the Board that Financial Disclosure Statements were due by May 15, 2024. Several Board Members had previously provided their Financial Statements to Corkern's office and those had been filed with the State. Mrs. Foshee provided her Financial Statement to Corkern at the meeting and it will be filed the next day.

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

Approved on the 14th day of May, 2024, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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