

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
May 13, 2025  
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 May 13, 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  
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member  
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer  
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson

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

The March and April, 2025 financial statements were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Tyler and seconded by Jones to approve the March and April, 2025 financial statements. The Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that his crew was continuing to clean debris from drainage ditches and metal structures. They were also painting all of the metal structures around the various flood gates. Mr. Dunn further advised that one of our employees, Andy Pierce, would be retiring at the end of July. Mr. Dunn asked Corkern to take the necessary steps to post this position with Civil Service so that we could replace Mr. Pierce.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, reported that he did not have anything new to bring to the Board's attention.

Susan Douglas, Engineer with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson, advised that she had reviewed House Bill 2 and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District had 1.6 million in that Bill for setback levees at Powhatan and Campti. We also have \$132,000 in our account that can be used at any time. The remainder of the money is in P5, and unless we are able to get it moved to P1 it will not be useable. The Board requested Corkern to contact Senator Seabaugh and Representative McFarland to ask for their help in getting this money moved from P5 to P1.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised the Board that he and Corkern had attended the annual meeting of the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana in Baton Rouge, and the most important thing he learned was that Lannie with the Corps of Engineers had retired. He is the individual who had been trying to help us get the Natchitoches levees certified by FEMA. With his retirement we are unlikely to get any help from the Corps to get our levees certified.

In new business, Ronald Corkern read to the Board Resolution No. 1 adopting the mileage rate for the tax year 2025. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to adopt the Resolution as read. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern advised the Board that the 6-year term of Paul Fleming on the Red River Waterway Commission was expiring this summer and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District would need to nominate an individual to take his place. Following discussion by several members, a Motion was made by Smith and Seconded by Jones to nominate Terry Sklar, Jr. to fill the position on the Red River Waterway Commission. Mr. Sklar advised that if appointed to the Red River Waterway Commission he would serve and resign his position with the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Following public comment, the voted unanimously to nominate Terry Sklar, Jr. to fill the position on

the Red River Waterway Commission. Mr. Sklar abstained from voting on this Motion.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that our comprehensive liability insurance written through the Cunningham Agency was expiring on May 13, 2025. The company through which our insurance was written this past year is no longer writing coverage in the State of Louisiana. The new quote from a different insurer is for the total sum of \$55,758.00 without providing UM coverage. The Board advised Corkern that they did not wish to pay for UM coverage in any amount. The Board further asked Corkern to seek additional quotes and Corkern advised that he would do so.

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 10<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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