

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

**May 8, 2018**

**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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on May 8, 2018, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member  
Casey Messenger  
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Jason Sellers, Vice President of Edko  
Jordan ?, Edko

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

A discussion was held regarding the March, 2018 minutes, as well as the April, 2018 minutes. The March minutes had not been provided at the April Board meeting. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Swafford, and seconded by Smith, to approve the both the March and April, 2018 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The April, 2018 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Rogé and seconded by Smith to approve the April, 2018 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Maintenance Superintendent Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that all of the State levees had been cut and the trees that had fallen had all been removed. The State of Louisiana, through the Department of Transportation and Development had completed their inspection of the State levees that day.

Mr. Dunn also advised that he had looked at the levee at Powhatan near Jolly Nash's place. The slide is getting worse, and it appears the only thing we can do is to move the levee back.

Mr. Dunn also advised that his crew was now cutting the Federal levees and pushing the debris off of the levees that had floated up against the levees from the recent flood. They were also patching holes were needed.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, reported that he should be receiving the quarterly report for the Federal levees. The Cloutierville/Highway 495 project is currently being closed out. He advised that DOTD needed a letter from the Board closing out the project. A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Giddens to authorize Ronald Corkern to write a letter to DOTD approving the closing out of this project. The Motion passed unanimously.

Mr. Sticker also advised that he had surveyed the two slides on the Natchitoches levee. He had asked the surveying crew to do a survey on the Rachal canal area. When he receives that information he will be able to size the pipes that will be placed on the Lavespere property. He further advised that the issue is not just pipe issue. He indicated that there is a need to inspect the entire channel to make sure there are not beaver dams or sedimentation that is further restricting the water flow.

In other business, Corkern advised that the personnel financial disclosure statements were due by May 15<sup>th</sup>, and Mrs. Rogé, Mr. Smith and Mr. Messenger had not yet filed their disclosure statements.

Corkern further reviewed the commercial insurance policy renewal and inquired as to whether the Board wished to pay for terrorism coverage which was additional \$74.00. Rayburn Smith was of the opinion that for that amount of money they should add terrorism coverage to the policy. A Motion was made by Smith and

seconded by Swafford to include terrorism coverage in the insurance policy. The Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to go into Executive Session to discuss personnel issues. The Motion passed unanimously. Following personnel discussions off the record, a Motion was made by Giddens and seconded by Swafford to return to the regular business meeting. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern advised the Board that we had begun the application process to hire another employee. Methvin advised that when the applications were received they would be reviewed and the same committee of Dunn, Swafford, Corkern, and himself would meet with the potential new employees and make a decision on who, if any of the applicants, should be hired.

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

Approved on the 12<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2018, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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