

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
June 12, 2013
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 June 12, 2013, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer

A Public Meeting was held in accordance with open meeting laws established at Revised Statute 42:11 et seq., including allowing a public comment period regarding the adoption of the millage rates for the 2013 tax year. Following discussion, of the proposed millage rate, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the May, 2013 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith, and seconded by Doris Rogé, to approve the May, 2013 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2013 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by

Mark Swafford to approve the May, 2013 Financial Statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Billy Giddens to approve Resolution No. 1 of 2013 adopting the adjusted millage rates. Resolution No. 1 was read in its entirety by Ronald Corkern. Following a roll call vote, the Motion passed unanimously with members Doris Rogé, Janet Jones, Karlton Methvin, Rayburn Smith, Mark Swafford and Billy Giddens all voting in favor of the Resolution.

The maintenance superintendent's report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that they were working on the State levees. They have hung the gates at Powhatan and cut the grass on the levees in that area. They have also repaired the cow washes with fill dirt.

Mr. Dunn advised that he had received a call from Louis Wellan regarding a ditch that runs through the WRP property adjacent to his. He stated that there were beaver dams in the ditch that were causing the water to backup on his neighbor's property. Mr. Dunn advised that the ditch was not our ditch. After further discussion the Board instructed Mr. Dunn to notify Mr. Wellan that the ditch was not in our system and therefore we could not clean the ditch or offer any assistance.

Mr. Dunn further advised the Board that he had received a call regarding a beaver dam in one of our ditches that runs through the Nature Preserve at Marco. Right now it is too wet to get equipment in to do any work. However, when the property dries they will clean out the ditch. Mr. Dunn inquired as to whether there was someone he needed to contact with the Government before cleaning the ditch. Corkern advised that it was our ditch and we had the right to clean the ditch. Karlton Methvin indicated that we should try to let someone with the Government know that we were going to be working on the ditch and that he knew an individual who might be able to tell him the proper person to contact.

Finally, Mr. Dunn advised that they had received the new tractors and all were working well.

The DOTD report was given by Jonathan Lachney. Mr. Lachney advised that the Cane River Waterway Commission permit application had been approved by the State. The CRWC had actually made two separate applications for the work related to the installation of pumps to assist in maintaining the level of

the water in Cane River. The State of Louisiana has issued two letters of no objection to the Cane River Waterway Commission. However, these permit applications still must be approved by the Corps of Engineers.

In other business, Mr. Lachney advised that Wildlife and Fisheries needed to apply for an After-the-Fact Permit with respect to the pipeline that crosses the levee at the old Russell Cook place. He and Mr. Sticker are attempting to determine who with Wildlife and Fisheries is the proper person to contact to request this Department to fill out the appropriate application.

Mr. Lachney also advised that his office had discovered that we did, in fact, have a letter of no objection and a permit application on the other pipeline crossing the levee that the Corps had been previously writing us up for each year during inspection. This was provided to the Corps of Engineers and they agreed to correct their records.

Mr. Lachney also advised that DOTD was doing stabilization and repair work on Highway 495 at Cloutierville. The Levee Board has agreed to pay for the material and DOTD will provide the labor. This is a temporary fix and we need to have permanent repairs provided for in the Capital Outlay Budget.

Mr. Lachney inquired as to whether the Levee Board had received the executed contract from Tom Tubre for the Larry Hampton Flood Gate repairs. Corkern advised that the contract had been received. Karlton Methvin was asked to come by Mr. Corkern's office to sign the contract on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Corkern was asked to schedule a pre-construction meeting for the week of June 24, 2013.

In other business, the 2013-2014 budget was introduced and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to adopt the 2013-2014 budget. The Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 9th day of July, 2013, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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

