

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

June 11, 2019

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 11, 2019, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, EDKO
Ford Stinson, 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.

The May, 2019 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Rogé and seconded by Swafford to approve the May, 2019 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2019 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to approve the May, 2019 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, the Maintenance Superintendent, had galbladder surgery and has been out. He will return to work on Monday, June 17, 2019. Mr. Methvin reported that Billy Dunn had told him that his crew had been bushhogging on the north side of the Natchitoches levee. They had put rock on Johnson's property. He further stated that the crew had partially busted the beaver dam at Powhatan.

There was a discussion regarding the gates at Hampton that continue to cause a problem that were originally manufactured by Waterman. Brad Sticker had talked to Waterman and they are going to get him some more information, but basically they have told him that there are no nuts available and they are no longer manufacturing them. They were probably going to have to replace the lifts. Waterman is supposed to be sending the prices. Methvin suggested that they may be able to get them made locally and was going to ask Dunn to get prices.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, advised that he would not be able to do the work for Clarence and that the Board would need to hire a consultant. He stated that any civil engineering firm could do it. He suggested the Board get bids for the work to be done two ways: 1) with snap type grout; and 2) GeoCrete synthetic liners. He feels the Board would get more capacity with the GeoCrete.

Sticker also advised he looked at the area involving some trees that a landowner was requesting the Board to remove. He stated that there was no encroachment in the right of way for the levee. Sticker stated that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District should not have to remove the trees, and that the landowner should not need a permit to do the work.

There was a discussion regarding the deterioration of the levee in the area at Hampton Road caused by a hole that appeared following the initial testing of the pumping plant owned by the Cane River Waterway Commission. Mr. Corkern wrote a letter to the Cane River Waterway Commission requesting that the hole be repaired, but to date the problem has not been corrected. This will need to be fixed before Cane River Waterway can start the pumps again.

A discussion then followed regarding the annual budget. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Swafford to adopt the 2019-2020 Budget as submitted. This Motion passed unanimously.

Methvin advised the Board that the annual audit would be held the week of July 29, 2019. Mr. Corkern received an email from Michael DeFalco of Broussard and Company, the CPA that will be handling the audit, requesting the Board sign the engagement letter, bank confirmation and fill out the Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford authorizing the President (Methvin) and Secretary (Jones) to sign/complete all documents needed to complete the annual audit. This Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 10th day of July, 2019, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

KARLTON METHVIN,
President