

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
June 14, 2023
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 June 14, 2023, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mark Swafford, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer
Paul Trimble, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Monk, DOTD
Whitstine, DOTD

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 May minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Swafford to approve the May, 2023 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2023 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by

Swafford and seconded by Jones to approve the May, 2023 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had finished cleaning the ditch at L6 between Clarence and Campti. They have started cleaning at L20 on Highway 119 across from Nolan. Also working on cutting federal levees. The inspection was completed on the federal levees last week.

Dunn further advised that the new Komatsu 210 Trackhoe had been delivered. The trackhoe has a premier warranty. The old trackhoe will be returned Thursday.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, reported that he did not have any updated information on behalf of DOTD.

Paul Trimble, Engineer, advised that the work on putting down the gravel would begin tomorrow and he was hoping it would be done this week. There is plenty of money left in the contract for other work to be done.

Susan Douglas, DOTD Levee Safety Engineer, reported that there is an additional \$765,000 in Priority 5 money that we may be able to obtain. Not sure if it can be used for levee setbacks but it doesn't hurt to ask. Possibly could be used for Marco Road. She will need to confirm that the money is real. The levee raising and setbacks went to LWI. She called for the project list and hopes it will make it out of the Secretary's office.

Sklar reported that he is still working on Kay to fill the vacant Board Member spot. She is considering it.

In new business, Methvin led a discussion regarding amending the 2022-2023 budget on the recommendation of our accountants, Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier. Following public discussion, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Sklar to amend the 2022-2023 budget. The Motion passed unanimously.

Methvin then reviewed the budget suggested by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier for 2023-2024. It was determined that the budget may need to be resubmitted due to the recent mandatory employee salary structure adjustments significantly increasing the employees' salaries beginning July 1, 2023. Following discussion it was decided to table approval of the budget for 2023-2024 year until the next Board meeting.

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

Approved on the 11th day of July, 2023, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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