

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

June 11, 2024

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 11, 2024, 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
Jolley Nash, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, NLDD Maintenance Supertindent
Jarmarquis Torrence, LA DOTD Engineer
Jesse Whitstine, LA DOTD
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jordan Lemoine, Edko
Ford Stinson, Edko

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, 2024 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the May, 2024 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2024 Financial Statement was not ready at the time of the meeting because the bank statement had not been received. The May, 2024 Financial Statement will be reviewed at the next meeting.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn advised that his crew had finished cutting the State levees at Powhatan and will start in Natchitoches and go south. The new bushhogs had been received and they were happy with them. Because of the water levels everything is closed except Crooks and the 7' gate on Highway 6. It will be next week before the water level will be down enough to open everything back up.

The DOTD report was given by Jarmarquis Torrence. Torrence advised that Paul Trimble learned that they did not need permit to work in wetlands if using long stick. They are now trying to find out how deep they have to go. Not sure if the dirt can be hauled off. Torrence advised that we would be receiving a permit from SWEPCO.

In other business, Karlton Methvin advised the adoption of the millage rate(s) for 2024 will be during the August meeting. The meeting in August will be on the first Tuesday, August 6, so that a quorum can be present.

In new business, Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier advised that the 2023-2024 budget needed to be amended. After public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Messenger to adopt the amended budget for 2023-2024 as prepared by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier. This Motion passed unanimously.

Methvin presented the 2024-2025 budget as prepared by Thomas, Cunningham, Broadway & Todtenbier for the Board's consideration. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Sklar to approve the proposed 2024-2025 budget. Th Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 9th day of July, 2024, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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