

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

June 10, 2014

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 10, 2014, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary
Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Billy Dunn, Foreman
Alan Sheppard
Terry Sklar

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 minutes of the May, 2014 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., and seconded by Mark Swafford, to approve the May, 2014 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The April, 2014 financial statement that was not available at the last meeting was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Doris Rogé to approve the April, 2014 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2014 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Mark Swafford to approve the May, 2014 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

A Motion was also made by Doris Rogé to amend the agenda to authorize the employees to work overtime in order to get the levees ready for the annual inspection by the Corps of Engineers that was going to be done July 14 and 15, 2014. This Motion was seconded by Mark Swafford. The Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had finished cutting the federal levees once, but would need to cut them again before the inspection that would be done by the Corps of Engineers in July. They were going to start the next day if it was not too wet. Mr. Dunn also advised that the East bank needed work but they would not be able to get that completed before the inspections.

Mr. Dunn further advised the Board they had gotten the excavator fixed as well as both tractors, and that all equipment was running well at this time.

Alan Sheppard advised that he would start spraying the Johnson grass shortly after the Levee Board employees started cutting. He would be spraying 50' from the edge. Mr. Sheppard advised that he really did not see many thistles.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker had now gotten all of the quantities pulled together for the L-30 Channel and should be able to have an estimate ready for the next Board meeting.

Mr. Sticker advised that the surveys were back for Channel L-20. The entire channel had been surveyed and Mr. Sticker had begun working on a design. He stated that there were many issues to be addressed.

Mr. Sticker advised that he had met with Pat Johnson with Regional Construction and issued the Notice to Proceed, with the work on the Lower Cane River floodgates to begin on June 11, 2014.

Mr. Sticker also advised the Board that he and Dunn were going to ride the levees to look at all areas designated by the

Corps as problem areas to see what areas could be addressed before the annual inspection.

Mr. Sticker advised that the Intergovernmental Agreement had been signed by the DOTD regarding the Cloutierville floodgates. The DOTD would be sending an invoice shortly in the amount of \$130,000. Construction will be let in early, 2015.

Mr. Sticker further advised that DOTD was trying to get services for videoing pipes. This is an issue that the NLDD always gets an "unacceptable" on the Corps' inspections because it is supposed to be videoed every five (5) years. It will be a service contract. They will not have to dewater the pipes.

In other business, the 2014-2015 budget was introduced and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. and seconded by Mark Swafford to adopt the 2014-2015 budget. The Motion passed unanimously.

Karlton Methvin reviewed the check register with the Board. There was a question as to what an invoice paid to Skyplex was for, and requested Mr. Corkern's secretary check to make sure that was an invoice for rock and that there would be no other invoices owed to Skyplex.

Mr. Methvin advised that Billy Dunn had requested that the employees be able to work overtime so they could get the levees ready for the annual inspection that was going to be done by the Corps of Engineers on July 14 and 15, 2014. Mr. Dunn said they would probably work six (6) days a week until this work was completed. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Billy Giddens to authorize the employees to work overtime until the levees were in order for the inspection. The Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by C. D. Brazzel, Jr. to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 8th day of July, 2014, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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