

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

**June 9, 2009**

**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 9, 2009, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Adolph Sklar, Member  
Alfred Bruning, Member  
Gary Anderson, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Gary Eldridge, DOTD

The minutes from the May 12, 2009 meeting were reviewed. On motion by Doris Rogé, seconded by Rayburn Smith, the Minutes were unanimously approved.

The May, 2009 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. On motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, the May, 2009 Financial Statement was unanimously approved.

The Maintenance Report was then given by Robert Vercher. Mr. Vercher advised that his crew was bushhogging, but they had had trouble with one of the tractors. He believes the transmission is out in the tractor that we intend to trade in when the new tractor arrives. After further discussion Mr. Vercher was advised by the Board to talk with John Deere to

see if they though they needed to pick up the tractor or if it could be driven in.

Mr. Vercher advised that Mr. Ken Hale had requested that the Levee Board mark the toe of the levee so that he would know where to place his fence. Following further discussion by the Board, the Board requested Ronald Corkern to contact Mr. Hale and put him in touch with the Corps of Engineers since a determination as to the toe of the levee is somewhat subjective and the Board did not want to be responsible for making one determination while the Corps of Engineers made a different determination.

Mr. Vercher advised the Board that his crew had begun cleaning fence lines and trees which the Corps, in its previous inspection reports, had determined encroached within the six foot servitude.

The DOTD report was given by Gary Eldridge. He reported that he had processed Roger Collum's permit application and Mike Wolfe's permit application. He indicated that a copy of the applications needed to be sent to the Corps of Engineers and Corkern advised that he would do so.

He also advised that he, along with representatives of the Corps, had inspected L-20 at Melrose and Bayou Chelette. A report should be forthcoming from the Corps on Bayou Chelette and they wanted to look more at L-20 before rendering a report.

Finally, he advised that the City of Natchitoches had applied for a statewide flood control grant for Bayou Jillian and he wanted the Board to be aware since the City might come to the Levee Board to serve as a co-sponsor for this grant.

Ronald Corkern gave the office activity report and advised that he had talked with several property owners regarding the letters they had received from him relative to the obstructions identified by the Corps of Engineers. He informed the Board that although none of the owners were happy about having to move fences or trees that had been in place for many years, no one thus far had indicated they would not take corrective action. To the contrary, most of the individuals were understanding.

Corkern also advised that the After-the-Fact Permit Request by Mr. McGraw had been approved. He further informed the Board that the final Komatsu note was paid on June 2, 2009.

The Administrator's report was given by Karlton Methvin. He indicated that he had talked with David Dupree regarding the Cleco poles near the lock and dam. According to Mr. Dupree, the Corps had advised Cleco that the poles could remain in place since the Corps had previously given permission to Cleco to place the poles in their current location. Mr. Dupree confirmed that the Corps would not write up these poles as being obstructions in the future. He further advised that David Dupree expected the additional rock for the levees would probably be bid within the next month. Finally, he advised the Board that the new tractor had been ordered, but it would probably be September before it arrived.

In other business, Corkern advised that we had moved to Lafayette General Insurance Company for our liability insurance. The company that had previously written our liability insurance would not write anymore insurance for levee boards. The new policy cost \$9,430.00, which is double what our previous premium was.

The Board also reviewed the annual Performance Planning and Review of Dennis Antee as prepared by Robert Vercher.

In other business, the Board unanimously adopted a resolution proposed by Adolph Sklar, Jr. and seconded by Janet Jones authorizing Karlton Methvin on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District to enter into a contract with the Corps of Engineers to place crushed limestone on the Red River below Dennison Dam, east and west bank levees. On Motion by Adolph Sklar, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, the Board unanimously adopted a Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the United States of America and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District.

There being no further business to come before the Board, on motion by Gary Anderson, seconded by Doris Rogé, the meeting was adjourned.

Approved on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2009, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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