

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

June 14, 2016

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 14, 2016, 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
Billy Giddens, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Foreman
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

A Public Hearing was held beginning at 7:00 p.m. in accordance with open meeting laws established at Revised Statute 42:11 et seq., including allowing a public comment period regarding the adoption of the millage rates for the 2016 tax year as well as all other agenda items.

Immediaely following the Public Hearing, the regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The minutes of the May, 2016 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Terry

Sklar and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the May, 2016 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2016 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the May, 2016 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

After public comment, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Billy Giddens to supplement the agenda for an estimate from Bynog Tree Service for the removal of a tree on Whitfield. The Motion to supplement the agenda was approved unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by the Maintenance Superintendent Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that the water is down and all of the gates are open, including Chivary. They have finished removing all of the debris. There was a windstorm recently that blew trees over all up and down the levees. They still have eight trees to clear. They have broken down two beaver dams on McNeely's property.

Mr. Dunn further advised that they have gotten some of the dirt work done and are still cutting grass between the rain for the inspections that are scheduled for July 11-13, 2016. Spraying of the fences is done on the federal levees.

Karlton Methvin advised that Brad Sticker was ill, but that he had talked to Mr. Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised him that we still need to dam Chivary and dewater so they can have it videoed. Mr. Sklar will find someone to give us an estimate for the videoing process. Mr. Dunn advised that Robert Vercher told him that the pipe at Chivary had been lined previously.

The gentlemen from Edko advised that they had sprayed the drainage areas and all gravel tops. They will be doing the Johnson grass application at the end of June. They will coordinate with Mr. Dunn for that. They went over the insecticides available. They will do the second application probably sometime in October depending on the weather and growth.

The adoption of the millage rates for the 2016 tax year was discussed and following public comment a Motion was then made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Terry Sklar to approve Resolutions No. 1 of 2016 adopting the adjusted millage rates. Following a

roll call vote, the Motion passed unanimously with all members voting in favor of both Resolutions.

The 2016-2017 budget was introduced and discussed. Following discussion and public comment, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Rayburn Smith to adopt the 2016-2017 budget. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed correspondence received from the Louisiana Legislative Auditor dated June 6, 2016 regarding the annual audit. The audit will take place some time in July, 2016. Following public comment a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Janet Jones authorizing Karlton Methvin to sign the Engagement Approval letter for the annual audit.

Discussion regarding the estimate received from Bynog Tree Service to remove a dead, falling tree on Whitehead was had. The Board did not feel like they should pay the whole bill. There were concerns by several of the Board members that if the Board continues to pay for tree removal that everyone will start contacting the Board expecting them to remove trees from their property. The Board has requested that Mr. Corkern advise of what is required by the Board as to having to pay for the removal of tree on private property. The Board may want to request additional estimates. Walker Tree Service was suggested. Edko advised that they could have a quote for tree trimming in all of the levee right of ways. The hiring of Bynog to remove the tree on Whitfield was tabled until the Board received the information requested from Mr. Corkern.

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

Approved on the 12th day of July, 2016, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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