

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
July 14, 2020
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on July 14, 2020, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Mark Swafford, Member
Rayburn Smith, Member
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger, Member
Mary Jones, Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jordan Lemoine, EDKO
David Smith, EDKO

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 2020 tax year as well as all other agenda items.

Immediately 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 June, 2020 meeting were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Casey Messenger, to approve the June, 2020 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2020 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mary Jones to approve the June, 2020 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Ronald Corkern read Resolution No. 1 in its entirety, and Karlton Methvin opened for public comment on Resolution No. 1. Thereafter, Corkern read Resolution No. 2 in its entirety, and President Methvin opened for public comment on this Resolution.

Following the public comment, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded Mark Swafford to adopt Resolution No. 1. Following additional discussion, Resolution No. 1 passed unanimously.

A Motion was then made by Casey Messenger and seconded by Nolan Jones, Jr. to adopt Resolution No. 2. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported on his crew's activities since the last meeting. He advised that they had been cutting the State levees and checking all gates. They have been cutting the top banks of the ditches and have started cutting the Federal levees at Marco and are working north.

Mr. Dunn also noted that the Corps of Engineer's inspection was scheduled for August 4 and 5. His crew will work six days a week between now and the inspection to make sure the levees are all in good shape.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, gave a report on the progress of the slip lining of the pipes at the Campti-Clarence location. He advised that all of the pipes had been slip lined and they were scheduled to begin grouting the following morning.

Mr. Sticker also advised that the State should survey the setback levees at Powhatan in the near future. There is one setback levee on the Nash place and another on the Henry place. The State will survey these two areas so that they can move forward with the design of these setback levees. After they have completed these surveys the State will survey the Ross Lake area.

Mr. Sticker asked Corkern if the information he had provided on the bank cavings had been received and forwarded to the Corps of Engineers. Corkern advised that the information had been

received, but he would have to check to see if it had been forwarded to the Corps.

In other business, the Board discussed the evaluation form for all employees. Mr. Dunn informed the Board that one employee, Jesse Shilling, had left his keys on the desk and had not reported to work for two days, and another employee, Gary Niette, had advised that he would not be able to return to work. Corkern advised that we had already communicated with State Civil Service about replacing these two employees. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to approve merit raises for all employees. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Karlton Methvin advised the Board that we would need to appoint a Secretary/Treasurer since the retirement of Janet Jones from the Board. A Motion was made by Terry Sklar and seconded by Mark Swafford to appoint Mary Jones as Secretary/Treasurer of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Following public comment, this Motion passed unanimously.

There being no further business to come before the Board a Motion was made by Mary Jones and seconded by Nolan Jones, Jr. to adjourn. The Motion passed unanimously.

Approved on the 11th day of August, 2020, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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