

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

July 9, 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 July 9, 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
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, NLDD Maintenance Supertindent
Jarmarquis Torrence, LA DOTD Engineer
Jesse Whitstine, LA DOTD
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
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 June, 2024 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Nash to approve the June, 2024 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May, 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Jones to approve the May, 2024 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn reported that his crew had cut the top banks of all of the drainage ditches within the district. They are currently cutting the grass on the Federal levees.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he did not have anything to report.

Susan Douglas, Project Engineer, reported that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District had received 1.8 million in the capitol outlay bill that was approved by the legislature and signed off on by the governor. This money includes \$135,000 in general funds that can be spent this year, and the remainder in Priority 5 Funding.

Ronald Corkern reminded the Board that the adoption of the milage rate will be on the August 6, 2024 agenda. To roll the millage forward requires a 2/3rds vote, and since there is one vacancy on the Board 6 people will need to be present in order to approve rolling the millage forward. Corkern also advised the Board that he had talked with Gabe Firment regarding filling the vacant spot. Firment checked with the Governor's Office and advised that since all of the Board member's term is commensurate with the term of the governor they would each need to be reappointed. Firment requested a short bio for each Board member and Corkern advised that he would get this information off of the individual Financial Reports previously submitted by each Board Member.

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

Approved on the 6th day of August, 2024, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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