

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

July 8, 2025

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 8, 2025, 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
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jonathan Lachney, DOTD Engineer
Susan Douglas, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Julie Lockhart, Natchitoches Parish Policy Jury
Eric Mayo
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC

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, 2025 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Nash to approve the June, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The June, 2025 financial statement was not prepared at the time of this meeting. However, the Board did review and discuss the check register for the month of June, 2025.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that his crew had finished cutting the top bank of all of the ditches. They are currently working on the Campti Clarence levee fixing holes and repairing washes near Saline Bayou. He advised that on July 21, 2025, the Corps will begin its levee inspections. He did not think there would be a necessity to video the pipes since this was last done in November, 2022. Under the current regulations this video is good for five years and may even be good for ten years.

In other business, the Board discussed conducting a survey relative to the setback levee at Powhatan and/or the tying in of the corners. Jonathan Lachney reported that DOTD cannot hire engineering services, but they may be able to assist with this survey work. The first thing that needs to be accomplished is for the Board, in consultation with its engineers, determine exactly what we want the repair effort to look like so that DOTD will know what to survey. Julie Lockhart and Eric Mayo then discussed the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement between the Natchitoches Parish Government and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District, a copy of which had previously been provided by Corkern to each of the Board members. This CEA is relative to the lower Cane River project. The Board discussed with Susan Douglas what work had previously been done by Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson relative to this project. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to get a cost estimate from Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson relative to the cost of updating the previous engineering work done by that firm on the lower Cane River project and the additional cost of necessary to prepare the project for bids. Following further discussion and public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

The Board then discussed the applications that had been received to hire a replacement for Andy Pierce who will be retiring July 31, 2025. At the June Board meeting, the Board appointed Corkern, Methvin, Jones, Tyler and Dunn to conduct interviews of the applicants. Billy Dunn advised that he would review all of the applications received and narrow the candidates to three individuals to be interviewed. The interviews were to be conducted at Corkern's office.

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

Approved on the 12th day of August, 2025, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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