

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

July 14, 2026

6:00 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 14, 2026, 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
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Jordan Lemoine, Edko, LLC
Luke Miller, Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson
Cheryl Kelsey, Campti Alderman
David Petty, Guest

The regular meeting of the Board of Commissioners of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 6:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The June, 2026 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Jones to approve the June, 2026 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The May and June, 2026 financial statements were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by

Smith and seconded by Messenger to approve the May and April, 2026 financial statements. The Motion passed unanimously.

The Chairman, Karlton Methvin, recognized David Petty who addressed the Board regarding use of the levee to access his property around Cloutierville. Mr. Petty would like permission to pass through the gate owned by Louis Wellan in order to get to his 85-acre tract of land. Corkern explained that the levee in the area of the referenced gate were actually owned by Louis Wellan subject to an easement in favor of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Consequently, the Levee Board cannot give permission to Mr. Petty to pass through Mr. Wellan's gate. Corkern advised Mr. Petty that he would contact Louis Wellan to see if he had any objection to giving access to Mr. Petty to pass through his gage.

In other business, Cheryl Kelsey address the Board and advised that she was an Alderman with the Town of Campti. She kwas seeking help from the Levee Board to clean out the drainage ditch that runs through Clarence. She advised that there was a lot of debris in the ditch from Lee Street to Greenville. She further indicated that there was a big culvert on Clark Road that was stopped up. Methvin advised that during a recent heavy rain he had traveled to Campti and determined that the ditch in question was draining water. He explained that our employees did not clean up trash but would again look at the ditch to determine whether there was vegetation that needed to be cleaned out. Ms. Kelsey advised that the Town of Campti had received a grant to improve the drainage in Campti and the Board suggested that the Town of Campti get their engineer to define the scope of work and advise what work could be paid for by the Town of Campti pursuant to the grant they had received.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, advised that he was familiar with the drainage ditch through Campti that Alderman Kelsey advised was not draining. According to Mr. Dunn, he inspected the ditch during a recent heavy rainfall and determined that the ditch is draining, although he acknowledged that there is trash that has been thrown in the ditch. However, Mr. Dunn explained that his crew did not clean trash from drainage ditches, but did, when possible, clean vegetation and underbrush that was impeding the flow of water.

Dunn advised that they had brought two of the tractors into the shop for regular maintenance, and towards the end of this week they would begin bushhogging and cleaning up the levees.

Luke Miller with Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson reported relative to the Powhatan Project and the Campti-Clarence Project.

Money for the Powhatan Project remained in House Bill 2 and has been signed by the Governor. Consequently, we should be able to proceed with that project in the near future. He reaffirmed that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District had received accreditation for the Natchitoches Levee, but not the Campti-Clarence Levee. This accreditation was good for 10 years. The Powhatan Project is probably going to require a \$400,000 to \$500,000 match from Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District to do that work.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had nothing new to report since last month's meeting.

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

Approved on the 11th day of August, 2026, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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