

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 11, 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 August 11, 2020, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith, Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jamarcus Torrence, DOTD Engineer
Ed Knight, DOTD Safety Director of Levees and Dams
Paul Trimble, Engineer, Meyer, Meyer, LaCroix & Hixson
Ford Stinson, EDKO

The regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin.

The July, 2020 minutes were read and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Mary Jones to approve the July, 2020 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2020 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by

Swafford and seconded by Sklar to approve the July, 2020 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Karlton Methvin advised that Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, was on vacation. Mr. Methvin advised that Dunn and his crew had completed their work on all of the levees and the Corps had conducted its annual inspection the week before. Methvin then called upon Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, to report on the Corps inspection.

Mr. Sticker advised that the Corps had completed its inspection the previous week and there was nothing new to report from previous inspections, with one exception. Apparently, a landowner next to Billy Giddens place had dug a pond with one end of the pond being within 15' of the toe of the levee. The landowner did not apply for a permit for this pond, and no permit would have been granted with a portion of the pond being inside 15' of the toe of the levee. The pond was noted by the Corps of Engineers during their inspection, but Mr. Sticker did not know whether the Corps would give the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District a "minimally acceptable" rating or an "unacceptable" rating with respect to the pond. In either event, this encroachment will have to be corrected. Hopefully, the Corps of Engineers will give us a "minimally acceptable" rating so that if flood damage occurs we will be eligible for federal funds. Sticker advised that he would provide Ronald Corkern with a letter regarding this encroachment, and the Board instructed Corkern to thereafter contact the landowner regarding the need to correct the encroachment and obtain a permit.

Except for the encroachment referenced above, Sticker noted that our levees were in really good shape and looked good for the inspection.

Sticker also advised that he had reviewed the videos of the pipes that had been lined by JPD Construction, LLC and believed everything looked good and would be acceptable to the Corps of Engineers. He had previously forwarded these videos to the Corps of Engineers and expects to hear from Corps within the next week.

Mr. Sticker also informed the Board that he would be leaving his current position and becoming the Safety Director for dams and levees. He will be working out of Baton Rouge in the future.

Present at the meeting was Ford Stinson with EDKO. Mr. Stinson advised that his employees were continuing to spray as per the contract.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board Members that we had lost two employees. Gary Niette had resigned for health reasons, and Jesse Shilling had resigned for unknown reasons. These two positions, Mobile Equipment Operator 1/Heavy, have been posted on the Louisiana Civil Service Website as of August 5, 2020. The post will run until August 28, 2020. Thereafter, all of the Board Members will be provided with a list of applicants and a committee can be appointed at the next meeting to interview the applicants and hire to additional employees.

Corkern also advised that he had spoke with Mike DeFalco, the accountant completing this year's audit, and Mr. DeFalco advised that he should complete the audit within the next few days. Mr. DeFalco was complimentary of the documents provided to him and it is not expected that there will be any significant findings in the audit.

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

Approved on the 8th day of September, 2020, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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