

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

August 6, 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 August 6, 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
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

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

The June, 2024 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Swafford to approve the June, 2024 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously. The July, 2024 Financial Statement was not available at the time of the meeting.

The maintenance report was given by Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent. Dunn reported that his crew was removing limbs on the federal levees and cutting grass. He also advised that he had removed a tree off of the levee near Rayburn Smith's place. A further discussion followed regarding the L-20 ditch and what could be done to improve the drainage in light of the fact much of this ditch is in a wetlands area.

Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had been looking for two months and could not find the original documents on L-20. He indicated that they needed the original documents so that the argument could be made to the Corps that we wished to simply return the ditch to its original capacity.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that he had heard nothing from the Governor's Office regarding the appointment of a new Board member to replace Kay Foshee. Corkern advised that he would follow up with an email to Representative Gabe Firment to see if he could shed any light on the status of the appointment of a new Board member.

Corkern also reviewed with the Board Edko Invoice Number 369383, as well as two additional invoices received by Corkern that day but not included in the members' packets. All of these invoices were for work previously authorized by the Board in the adoption of the proposal from Edko, LLC for spraying during the calendar year 2024. After public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to pay the three invoices submitted by Edko, LLC. The Motion passed unanimously.

Corkern then discussed with the Board the proposed adoption of the millage rate which was contained in Resolutions No. 1 and 2. Each of these Resolutions were read in their entirety, and the Board voted unanimously in favor of Resolution No. 1 and Resolution No. 2.

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

Approved on the 10th day of September, 2024, at Natchitoches,
Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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