

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 12, 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 August 12, 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
Nolan Jones, Jr. Member
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Luke Miller, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Dillon Lashley, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Jarmarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer
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.

A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Mark Swafford to amend the agenda to consider two proposals from Edko, LLC dated August 11, 2025. One proposal was to spray L-25 and L-11A, and the second proposal was to spray all levee structures and fence crossings. Following public comment, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda accordingly.

The July, 2025 minutes were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Jones and seconded by Swafford to approve the July, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The June and July, 2025 financial statements were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Smith to approve the June and July, 2025 financial statements. The Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, reported that his crew had repaired the crown of the levee on the Natchitoches side. Potholes and ruts were repaired. A crew has also sprayed all of the structures to kill the vegetation around them. Dunn also reported that he had accompanied DOTD and the Corps during their inspection of the levees on the Campti side of the river. The crew is currently cutting on the Natchitoches side and clearing L-11.

In other business, Luke Miller and Dillon Lashley presented a slide show explaining the repairs recommended for the Powhatan levee during Jolley Nash's house. They presented documentation showing that even if the levee were to break in this area the water would not flood the Nash home because the elevation of that home and the surrounding area is above the high water mark reached in the 2015-2016 floods. It was recommended that, subject to funding, the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District tie in the corners at the north end and the south end with setback levees and rock bank to prevent further erosion. Miller will present to the Board recommendations for spending the \$135,000.00 previously allotted for this project.

A discussion then followed regarding what needed to be done to the levee on the Campti-Clarence side of the river. Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix and Hixson will present a proposal for our consideration, the purpose of which is to have the Corps agree that the work to be done in this area would constitute "maintenance".

Karlton Methvin then reviewed with the Board the two proposals from Edko, LLC for additional spraying. The first proposal was in the amount of \$4,623.42. Under the proposal Edko would provide all material and labor for two herbicide treatments for L-25 and L-11A drainage canals. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Nolan Jones and seconded by Rayburn Smith to accept this proposal. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Methvin then presented the Board with a second proposal dated August 11, 2025 in the amount of \$2,000.00. This proposal was to provide material and labor to spray the levee structures and fence crossings. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Tyler to accept this proposal. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 9th day of September, 2025, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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