

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHEs LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
August 12, 2014
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 in the Police Jury Meeting Room, Natchitoches Parish Courthouse, Natchitoches, Louisiana, on August 12, 2014, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Doris Rogé, Member
Janet Jones, Secretary
Rayburn Smith, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Mark Swafford, Member

Absent were:

Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Alan Sheppard

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 Assistant Secretary, Ronald E. Corkern, Jr.

The minutes of the July, 2014 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith, and seconded by Mark Swafford, to approve the July, 2014 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2014 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following discussion, a Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the June, 2014 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

The Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn, was on vacation, and consequently his report was given by President Karlton

Methvin. Mr. Methvin advised that our workers have been working in the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Refuge cleaning ditches. Mr. Methvin advised that he received a call from Glen Alston with U.S. Fish and Wildlife complaining about work we were doing on their property and threatening to obtain an injunction. Mr. Methvin checked with Superintendent Billy Dunn who advised that the work we were doing was necessary in order for the ditches to flow properly and furthermore, the Fish and Wildlife Agency had apparently built a levee within 300' of our levee and it was causing water to backup against our levee. Mr. Methvin talked with Mr. Alston a second time and advised him of the problem. Mr. Alston advised that everything was fine now and Mr. Methvin informed him that something would have to be done to prevent the water caused by their levee from backing up against the toe of our levee. If this is not corrected the Corps of Engineers will cite us for a deficiency.

In other business, Mr. Methvin advised that the culvert underneath the highway at Willard Jones' place is stopped up. This is a State highway and the State will have to address this issue. Mr. Sticker advised that he will inform the State of this problem.

Mr. Methvin also advised that we had made the last payment to John Deere on the two tractors we had leased/purchased.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. Mr. Sticker advised that the time period for Regional Construction's work on lower Cane River had begun this past Monday. Under our contract, they have 30 days to complete the project. Regional Construction started hauling rock on the day of our meeting, but the rock that was delivered was the wrong size. They took the rock back and will bring the correct size rock. The project should be completed by our next Board meeting.

Mr. Sticker advised that the work to be performed by the State at Louisiana 495 in Cloutierville should have preliminary plans completed the following week. Whenever the preliminary plans are completed they will be provided to us for our review and comment. Ronald Corkern advised the Board that as of this date we have not received a letter from DOTD requesting the 10% matching funds we agreed to provide. According to Mr. Sticker, the State still believes that they will be able to let bid on this project early next year.

Mr. Sticker also advised that Channel L-30, the channel near Judge Harrington's home, but they had completed their survey of Channel L-30. Just sweeping the channel to clear the existing vegetation and debris would require about 4,000 yards of excavation. The biggest high spot is where the channel comes across Keyser Avenue. If the work is contracted out, it would cost about \$120,000 with the contractor hauling off the excavated soil. If the soil could be spread onsite then the cost could be reduced to about \$90,000. There was further discussion about doing the work in-house. In order to do the work in-house we would need to rent additional equipment because the equipment we have does not have a long reach sufficient to reach the channel from the adjoining bank. Following further discussion, the Board requested Corkern to set up a meeting between the City and Brad Sticker to see what assistance the City would give in cleaning this channel.

Mr. Sticker further advised that he had not had a chance to work on the plans for Channel L-20, but hoped to be able to work on that before the next meeting.

In other business, Corkern advised that the auditor would be in this office the following week. The auditor has been provided with all documentation requested, and it is expected that the audit of our books will take two days.

There being no further business to come before the Board, a Motion was made by Janet Jones and seconded by Mark Swafford to adjourn. The Board voted unanimously in favor of the Motion.

Approved on the 9th day of September, 2014, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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