

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

**August 8, 2017**

**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 8, 2017, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Billy Giddens, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Rayburn Smith, Member  
Terry Sklar, Member

Absent were:

Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Casey Messenger, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent  
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko, Inc.  
Ford Stenson, Edko, Inc.

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.

A Motion was made by Rayburn Smith to amend the agenda to change the date of the September meeting. The Motion was seconded by Terry Sklar. After public comments offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously to place on the agenda to move the September meeting from September 12 to September 5, 2017.

The minutes of the July, 2017 meetings were read and discussed. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Terry Sklar, and seconded by Rayburn Smith, to approve the July, 2017 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The July, 2017 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. After public comments offered and none received, a Motion was made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to approve the July, 2017 financial statement. The Motion passed unanimously.

The maintenance report was then given by Maintenance Superintendent, Billy Dunn. Mr. Dunn advised that his crew had cleaned all of the State levees and had cleaned down at Dell Valley. In addition, they cleared and worked all of the gates with the exception of the gates at Hampton.

Dunn also reported that they had cleared the ditch on Highway 6 and had repaired the lift. Dunn reported that he had contacted the man who traps the beavers and was waiting to hear back from him regarding his recent success.

Dunn also advised that the gates had been put in at Cloutierville and are operational. He reported that there would be two additional change orders relative to the project at Highway 495 in Cloutierville. He had talked with the manufacturer of the gates and was told that they are guaranteed to be in by August 24. The gates have been on backorder.

In other business, Brad Sticker reported on Change Orders Nos. 4 and 5. Change Order No. 4 is going to be in the amount of \$22,534.00, and Change Order No. 5 will be in the amount of \$3,900.00. Corkern advised that he had not yet received invoices from DOTD but would place those invoices on next month's agenda.

Sticker further informed the Board that he had received from the Corps of Engineers their unofficial version of the recent inspection. The only thing unacceptable was the pipes that had not been videoed. Other items in the Corps' inspection report included four offenses on the Campti-Clarence levee that were encroaching, five power poles and the monitoring wells near Campti.

A Motion was then made by Rayburn Smith and seconded by Terry Sklar to move the September meeting from September 12 to September 5, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. After public comments offered and none received, the Motion passed unanimously.

In other business, Ronald Corkern discussed with the Board the annual audit and Louisiana Compliance Questionnaire. He also

discussed the payments received and those anticipated but not yet received relative to the 2016 flood.

Corkern also advised of the annual Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana Meeting to be held in New Orleans on December 6 and 7, 2017. Corkern asked that each Board member advise him within the next month if they wished to attend so that a reservation could be made.

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

Approved on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2017, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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