

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT  
September 12, 2012  
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 September 12, 2012, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator  
Janet Jones, Secretary  
Doris Rogé, Member  
Mark Swafford, Member  
Charles Brazzel, Jr., Member  
Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member  
Billy Giddens, Member

Absent were:

Rayburn Smith.

Also present were:

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer  
Billy Dunn, Foreman

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m by the President, Karlton Methvin. The minutes of the August, 2012 meeting were read and discussed. A Motion was made by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Janet Jones, to approve the August, 2012 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

The August, 2012 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Mark Swafford and seconded by Billy Giddens to adopt the August, 2012 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn was present to present the maintenance report. He advised that the crew was currently cutting at the southern part of the parish. He also advised that he had talked with Swepco about debris that had been left on the levee. Swepco looked at

the debris and said that it did not belong to them, but instead it belonged to Entergy. This is the levee on Highway 486 near Campti. He then contacted Entergy and they advised they would inspect the area and remove the debris if it belonged to them.

He also advised that he had looked at the ditch at Bayou Cadouche. The ditch is pretty clear and seems to drain fine. It has silted in some, but if they clear it out the water is going to drain to where they cleared the silt out and leave dry ground somewhere else.

He also advised that the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District had rock stockpiled at Gary Roshto's property. It has been stockpiled there for a number of years. He indicated that they could use the rock elsewhere and inquired as to whether we could move the rock. The consensus of the Board was that the rock belonged to the District and could be moved to wherever it was needed.

Mr. Dunn further advised that the quarterly inspection report is due next month. He will get with Brad Sticker to work on this report.

Mr. Dunn also advised that the fuel tank in the truck had started leaking that day. Mr. Methvin suggested that he get prices from McCain's Auto, Tractor Supply Company and Valley Farmer's Co-Op for a new tank. The Board unanimously approved the purchase of a new gas tank at the best available price.

The DOTD report was given by Brad Sticker. He advised that plans and specifications for lower Cane River repairs were about 95% complete. He asked Corkern to check with John Richard at Facility and Planning on the status of our request for the additional money left over from the initial replacement of the flood gates. He also advised that the Larry Hampton estimate was almost complete.

He further advised the Board that he had received a letter of no objection from the Corps on the Moreau permit. Mr. Sticker also advised that DOTD had begun designing the lower Cane River, Phase II project. Corkern was requested to check with John Richard about the process for getting the money. He also advised that he had met with the Police Jury the week before about their concerns with flooding in the Parish. They were inquiring about available funds. The only funds he was aware of were those that might be available through the Statewide Flood Control Program.

In other business, Corkern advised the Board that Billy Dunn had been "detailed" for the Foreman's position. At the previous meeting the Board voted to appoint Mr. Dunn as Foreman on a probationary basis. However, in order for Mr. Dunn to accept this appointment he would have to resign his current position and then if the Board subsequently decided not to hire him as the permanent Foreman, he would have to reapply for his former position along with other applicants. Corkern advised that while "detailed" to the position of Foreman, he would be entitled to a 7% raise.

Corkern then advised the Board of the 2012 Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana annual meeting in New Orleans that will be held on December 5 and 6. Corkern indicated that he would send each of the Board members a copy of the agenda and deadline for registering.

Corkern then presented the Board with the annual audit report. The Board reviewed the report and approved same, directing Corkern to make the changes recommended by the auditor.

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

Approved on the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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