

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 11, 2018
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 11, 2018, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

Karlton Methvin, President/Administrator
Janet Jones, Secretary
Rayburn Smith, Member
Mark Swafford, Member
Casey Messenger, Member

Board Members absent were:

Doris Rogé, Member
Billy Giddens, Member
Terry Sklar, Member

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer
Jeremy Gilbert, Edko

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 Smith and seconded by Messenger to amend the agenda to discuss retaining Nick Verrett to oversee the Lower Cane River Flood Control Project. Following public comment, the Motion to amend the agenda passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the August, 2018 minutes. Following public comments, a Motion was made by Swafford, and seconded by Messenger, to approve the August, 2018 minutes. This Motion passed unanimously.

The August, 2018 financial statement was reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Messenger and seconded by Smith to approve the August, 2018 financial statement. This Motion passed unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding the additional material and work performed by Air Data Solutions in video inspecting the remaining pipes.

Mr. Dunn reported on the inspection by the Corps of Engineers last month. He felt as though the inspection went well. Rodney, with the Corps, said that he did not see any significant issues.

Dunn further advised that his crew was still working on Middle Bayou (W-2) Ditch.

A discussion following regarding the crossing on Morrow. The cost for the placement of pipes in the ditch to cross would be \$8,000.00 or \$9,000.00 for a flatcar. Dunn recommended that we do neither and just put in a low water crossing. Following further discussion, the Board directed Dunn to build a low water crossing and put rock in it.

Dunn further advised that they had de-watered the pipes on the Clarence side and Air Data Solutions had finished videoing the pipes on that side. They did not find anything wrong with the pipes during the video inspection.

Dunn advised that he would return from vacation on the following Monday.

Brad Sticker, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had given Mr. Dunn the quantities and specifications on fixing the Powhatan slide. They will not need additional dirt to fix the slide. He also advised that the slide on Hyams Road will need about 300 yards of new dirt in order to make those repairs.

Sticker informed the Board that he, Karlton Methvin, Nick Verrett and Corkern would meet and inspect the Marco slide during the next week. He had previously estimated the cost of repairs to this slide at \$250,000-\$325,000, not including acquisition of any additional property.

Sticker also informed the Board that the pipe in the ditch at Joe Sers' property was properly permitted. A further

discussion followed regarding the beaver dam that existed in the pipe. The Board request Billy Dunn to inspect the pipe and see what could be done to remove the beaver dam. A Motion was made by Swafford and seconded by Jones to hire the guy from Shreveport to trap the beavers in the area, and other areas where we are having problems. The Board discussed that there was no need to remove the beaver dam at Sers' property unless you remove the beavers as well. Following further discussion, the Board voted unanimously in favor of retaining the individual from Shreveport to trap the beavers in all areas where we are having problems.

Secretary Ronald Corkern advised the Board of the meeting he had with Rick Nowlin and Nick Verrett regarding the Lower Cane River Flood Control Project. The application for FEMA money was made through the Police Jury, and consequently the Police Jury will have to be the point of contact with FEMA. However, the Levee Board had previously agreed to fund the 25% contribution required by local government. Corkern advised that Mr. Nowlin had indicated there was no money in the Parish Government's budget to pay Mr. Verrett to oversee this project and requested that any expenses incurred by Mr. Verrett related to this project be paid by the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Smith and seconded by Messenger to retain Nick Verrett to oversee the Lower Cane River Flood Control Project and to pay him for any time spent on this project, not to exceed \$10,000. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

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

Approved on the 9th day of October, 2018, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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