

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHES LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 9, 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 September 9, 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
Terry Sklar, Member
Casey Messenger Member
Jolley Nash, Member
Travis Tyler, Member

Absent were:

None

Also present were:

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent
Luke Miller, Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson
Susan Douglas, 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 Jones and seconded by Swafford to amend the agenda to discuss and approve a Professional Services Agreement with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson relative to the lower Cane River project, and to also add to the agenda the Board's recommendation of a member to be appointed to the CURRENT Authority. Finally, to employ Nick Verret has a consultant on the lower Cane River project at an hourly rate of \$80/hour.

Following public discussion, the Board voted unanimously to amend the agenda to add these three items.

The August, 2025 minutes were reviewed and discussed. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Tyler to approve the August, 2025 minutes. The Motion passed unanimously.

We did not have the August, 2025 financial statement at the time of the meeting, but the Board reviewed and discussed the check ledger.

Luke Miller with Meyer, Meyer, Lacroix & Hixson led a discussion regarding the Powhatan Levee and Campti-Clarence Levee. The Board discussed our pending capital outlay request in the amount of approximately \$1,600,000.00 for both the Powhatan Levee and the Campti-Clarence Levee. There was a discussion whether the Board should file a separate capital outlay request for Campti-Clarence since the \$1,600,000.00 presently in P5 would not be enough to complete both the Powhatan project and the Campti-Clarence project. It is expected that the Campti-Clarence project alone will probably cost in the neighborhood of \$4,000,000.00. The question is whether the Board should seek to have the current funding increased or file a separate capital outlay request for the Campti-Clarence project.

Mr. Miller presented a Professional Services Agreement for engineering work on the Powhatan project and preliminary planning for the Campt-Clarence project. Following public comment, a Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Smith to approve the Professional Services Agreement and authorized Karlton Methvin, President to execute said contract.

In other business, Susan Douglas discussed the CURRENT Authority and its purpose. DOTD has requested that the Association of Levee Boards of Louisiana nominate two individuals to serve on this committee. A Motion was made by Sklar and seconded by Messenger to nominate Karlton Methvin to serve on this Commission. Following public comment, the Motion passed unanimously.

Billy Dunn, Maintenance Superintendent, advised the Board that his crew was still cleaning the L10-11 ditch. He expected the crew would be working in this ditch for an additional week.

Jamarquis Torrence, DOTD Engineer, advised that he had nothing to report other than the request by the Corps of Engineers for the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District to submit a permit application permitting all of the encroachments identified in the Corps recent inspection report. Torrence

advised that he would assist in putting this permit application together.

A discussion then followed regarding the lower Cane River project which involves money from FEMA that is to flow through the Natchitoches Parish Government. This project was originally overseen by Nick Verret during the time he was employed as an engineer for the Natchitoches Parish Government. However, Verret is no longer employed by Natchitoches Parish Government and the project has been floundering since he left the Parish's employment. Corkern advised that he had talked with Verret and Verret had agreed to serve as a consultant on behalf of the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District at an hourly rate of \$80 per hour. Following further discussion, a Motion was made by Tyler and seconded by Sklar to employ Nick Verret as a consultant on the lower Cane River project at the rate of \$80 per hour. Following public comment, the Board voted unanimously in favor of this Motion.

In other business, Corkern reviewed with the Board the audit report and the findings contained therein.

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

Approved on the 14th day of October, 2025, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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