

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS OF THE
NATCHITOCHE LEVEE AND DRAINAGE DISTRICT
September 13, 2011
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 13, 2011, with a quorum being present, and roll was called as follows, to-wit:

Board Members present were:

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

Absent were:

Adolph Sklar, Jr. Member

Also present were:

Nick Verrett, DOTD Engineer
Robert Vercher, Maintenance Superintendent
Alan Sheppard, Edko, LLC

The minutes from the August 9, 2011 meeting were reviewed. On Motion by C. D. Brazzel, Jr., seconded by Mark Swafford, the August minutes were unanimously approved.

The August, 2011 Financial Statement was reviewed and discussed. A Motion was made by Doris Rogé and seconded by Janet Jones to approve the August, 2011 Financial Statement. The Motion passed unanimously. In further discussion regarding the August Financial Statement, the Board asked Mr. Corkern to check on the payment to Ford Motor Company in the amount of \$422.65. The Board questioned whether this work done on the new truck and if so, should it not have been covered under warranty. Mr. Corkern advised he would check the invoice and if necessary,

contact Ford Motor Company for an explanation and report to the Board at the next meeting.

Robert Vercher advised that the employees were currently bushhogging the dams and preparing for the DOTD inspection. The inspection was scheduled for the following two days. After inspection of the dams Mr. Vercher and his group will start bushhogging at Hampton's place.

Nick Verrett introduced Brad Sticker as the new water resource engineer who will take Gary Eldridge's place. Brad has a lot of water resource experience and Nick thought he would be a valuable asset both to DOTD and the Natchitoches Levee & Drainage District. Mr. Verrett also advised that he would be retiring within the next few months. Mr. Verrett also introduced Robbie Mayes, a DOTD Engineer who has been assisting with the lower Cane River flood gate project.

In other business, Mr. Verrett advised that the contractor was 90% complete at the Ross Lake site. He also advised that he had talked with Robert Vercher about engineering a way to keep the flood gates free of debris. Brad Sticker will look in to this and report to the Board.

In other business, Alan Sheppard advised that he would begin spraying the ditches September 15, 2011.

Ronald Corkern advised the Board that Keith Antee had talked with him about being promoted to Mobile Equipment Operator 2/Heavy. Mr. Antee indicated that he planned to retire in approximately a year and a half and this promotion would benefit his retirement. Mr. Corkern advised that he was currently checking with Baton Rouge to determine the specifics with respect to the promotion and what the increase in salary would be. Corkern advised that he would report to the Board at the next meeting.

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

Approved on the 11th day of October, 2011, at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at a regularly held meeting.

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