

Nineteenth Louisiana Levee District

Minutes of the Meeting
September 10, 2025

The meeting was called to order by President Gordon Smith. Members present included Gordon Smith, Bill Dean and Fren Allen. Also present were Jarmarquis Torrence and Jessie Whitstine, DOTD and Fran Demers, Clerk.

Minutes of the August meeting were approved on motion by Bill Dean, seconded by Fren Allen, and the Financial Report approved, motion by Fren Allen, seconded by Bill Dean.

Jarmarquis Torrence presented the members with a list of levee encroachments prepared by the U.S. Corps of Engineers, which was reviewed. The list will require permitting because of proximity to the levees. It was requested that DOTD provide a map that can plot these areas of concern. It was also requested that the board get further details about the list so that appropriate action can be taken.

The Weatherford Permit request was still pending, as the Corps has not responded to requests for letter of approval. Violet Parker of CLECO was working to get the requested information.

Jimmy Mott was seeking permit approval for construction of a landing on his property according to Gordon Smith.

Members then discussed the problem with how quickly the Johnson grass in some areas of the levees, despite regular mowing.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.