

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
NATCHITOCHEs PARISH COMMUNICATIONS DISTRICT  
TUESDAY, JUNE 19, 2012  
2:00 P.M.

Commissioner Larry Atteridge called the regular meeting of the Natchitoches Parish Communications District to order on Tuesday, June 19, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. in the Police Jury Board Room of the Natchitoches Parish Courthouse.

Commissioner Jennifer Perkins led the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the Prayer which was offered by Commissioner Mickey Dove.

Roll call was conducted by 9-1-1 Address Coordinator Bernice Wallace. Those present were: Commission Chairman Larry Atteridge, Commissioner's: Jennifer Perkins, Chris Paige, Mickey Dove, Jack McCain, Victor Jones, Dennie Boyt, 9-1-1 Director Willis Carter, and Legal Counsel Mark Roberts. Absent was: Commissioner's John Salter and Doug Birdwell.

Chairman Atteridge recognized and welcomed guests Mr. Andrew Shirley of the Natchitoches Times.

Chairman Atteridge asked if there were any modifications to the agenda. 9-1-1 Director Willis Carter suggested that the Board reserve the right to modify the Agenda at such time that invited guest Senator Long arrives, in the event that the Senator would like to address the board. No other modifications were offered.

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 3, 2012 Special Board Meeting. Motion By Commissioner Jack McCain, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Perkins. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to approve the minutes of the May 15, 2012 regular Board Meeting. Motion by Commissioner Mickey Dove, seconded by Commissioner Chris Paige. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

In the absence of a representative of Johnson Thomas & Cunningham, the Financial Report for the period ending May 31, 2012 was presented by 9-1-1 Director Willis Carter. Following the report and without hearing additional comments or questions Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to accept the Financial report as presented. Motion by Commissioner Dennie Boyt, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Perkins. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

There were no Committee reports as the result of no committee meetings since the last board meeting. Carter reported that although the Radio task force has completed their work, the task force is still in place.

Next on the agenda was the 9-1-1 Director's Report which included information and updates on: GIS Delta Regional Grant application and process, NATCOM Project, *(at this point in the agenda Senator Long arrived and was given the floor in order to allow him the opportunity to provide comments on the Communications District NATCOM Project's Capital Outlay application approval.)* The Senator announced that the legislature was able to secure 2.9 million dollars toward the construction of the Natchitoches Parish Emergency Communications Center (NATCOM). He described a number of steps that would have to be completed before the proceeds would actually be available for use by the district. The funding for the district's project has been allocated in two phases, \$1 million in Priority 2 funds and \$1.5 million in Priority 5 funds. The Senator explained that Priority 2 funds are usually set aside for planning subject to approval by the Bond Commission the funds should be available after the first of the year. Once that \$1M is approved by the bond commission, then the Priority 5 will be part of follow-up funding. Senator Long stressed that in his years as a legislator he is not aware of a time when Priority 2 funds have been approved, and follow-up Priority 5 funds were not forthcoming. Senator Long reported

that even with the current economic conditions in the state, overall over \$5 million in new projects came home to Natchitoches Parish out of this session. Chairman Atteridge offered his thanks and appreciation on behalf of the entire board to Senator Long for his efforts and hard work to secure the funding for a combined public safety emergency communications center for Natchitoches Parish. Following Senator Long's comments, Mr. Minturn completed a report on the progress thus far with the NATCOM Project after which Director Carter continued with his directors report with updates on the APCO International Training Conference to be held in August, modifications to the process of procuring parish address signs. Carter announced that the 9-1-1 Offices would be closed on July 4<sup>th</sup> in observance of Independence Day, and staff's scheduled time out of the office. Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to accept the Director's Report as presented. Motion by Commissioner Victor Jones, seconded by Commissioner Jack McCain. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to accept the current statement of charges on the District's VISA account in the amount of \$45.00.....Motion by Commissioner Chris Paige, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Perkins. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to invest \$200K of idle funds in a 12-month Certificate of Deposit with a 0.95% rate of return with Bank of Montgomery.....Motion by Commissioner Jack McCain, seconded by Commissioner Chris Paige. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to approve a request to the Louisiana Attorney General for an opinion on the question of whether or not the Natchitoches Parish Communications District (or any district created under the authority of Chapter 31, Title 33 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950, as amended) can acquire, own and operate immovable property. Motion by Commissioner Jack McCain, seconded by Commissioner Chris Paige. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to consider a resolution to approve the Natchitoches Times as the Official Journal for the District for the period June 2012-June 2013 (R. S. 43:171). Motion by Commissioner Chris Paige, seconded by Commissioner Mickey Dove. **MOTION CARRIED BY UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to approve his signing of a letter of engagement of Adams and Reese as Bond Counsel. Motion by Commissioner Victor Jones, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Perkins.....**MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

Chairman Atteridge asked for a motion to adjourn until it's next regular board meeting.....Motion by Commissioner Jack McCain, seconded by Commissioner Jennifer Perkins. **MOTION CARRIED by UNANIMOUS VOTE**

**Meeting Adjourned at 3:05 p.m.**

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Jennifer Perkins, Secretary

**July 17, 2012  
Board Approved**