

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
MARCH 18, 2009
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Ed Preau, in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. **ROLL CALL & INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS**

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves.

Present: Chairman Ed Preau, Commissioner Harmon Belgard, Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner W. Alvin Owens

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Randy Walters - Marketing Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Mrs. Cathy Rushing - Executive Assistant, Mr. Colin Brown- Engineer Supervisor, Mr. Garland Brown - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Mr. Ken Juneau, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Jacob Brister, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Gary Ethridge, Mr. John Marzullo, Mr. Lu Cutrera

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the agenda was revised and unanimously approved. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the minutes of the February 18, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of December, 2008, and January and February of 2009 were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Award of Mowing Contracts - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, the Commission unanimously approved the following mowing contracts as indicated:

North Caddo/Bossier Recreation Areas - R. W. Rogers at \$420.00 per mowing cycle.

Arthur Teague Trails - Parks Mowing Service at \$1,700.00 per mowing cycle.

Bishop Point Recreation Area - Parks Mowing Service at \$950.00 per mowing cycle.

Red Oak Lake Recreation Area - Greens Park Service at \$495.00 per mowing cycle

Alexandria Levee Park Recreation Area - Greens Park Service at \$2,345.00 per mowing cycle.

Award of Aquatic Vegetation Boat Spraying Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved award of a three year contract for aquatic vegetation boat spraying to Chem Spray South, not to exceed at \$324.00 per acre, not to exceed \$100,000.00 per calendar year for the entire aquatic weed spraying program.

Approval of Change Order No. 6/Ft. Randolph/Revised Amount - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, and unanimously approved, the Commission approved rescinding previous Change Order No. 6 with regard to the Forts Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site project, and approve the revised Change Order No.6 resulting in a net increase of \$30,634.00 to the contract.

Approval of Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. RRW524/Southwest Museum Services - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to Contract No. RRW-524 with Southwest Museum Services, for up to \$249,350.00, contingent upon final direction and approval from Facility Planning and Control.

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action** - No report.

c) **Recreation**

Boat Ramp Closure Policy - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the boat ramp closure policy as presented by staff with one revision to include appropriate language that there be no exceptions to adherence to the policy.

Teague Trails/Bossier Levee District Utility Relocation - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to acquire the necessary permits and to proceed with the required utility relocation project at the Teague Trails facility, at an estimated cost of \$7,610.00.

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Boydston reported on the following items:

- Visitation at the recreational facilities on Red River totaled 100,000 for the month of February, 2009.
- The Association of Louisiana Bass Clubs recently held a fishing tournament out of the Grand Ecore

- recreation facility with good reports regarding that activity.
- The 2009 summer mowing season is getting underway.
 - Removal of the abandoned paddle-wheel boat which has been sinking at the Alexandria Levee Park facility began March 17, 2009. Mr. Boydston pointed out that the vessel had deteriorated to such a degree that it had to be partially dismantled in the water for removal. At this point, Mr. Ken Juneau added that as of this date, the vessel has been totally removed and the contractor is cleaning up the site.
 - “Queing on the Red” activities are scheduled for this weekend, March 20 and 21, at the Alexandria Levee Park area.
- d) **Ports** - Commissioner Fleming reported that the first quarterly reports were received from the District Ports during a Committee meeting held on Tuesday, March 17, 2009.
- e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**
Marketing Update - A prepared report, as well as a recap of the BASSMASTERS Classic event were provided in the meeting packets.
- f) **Personnel** - No report.
- g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report.
- h) **Legislative** - No report.
7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry addressed the Commission regarding correspondence from the Northwest Louisiana Economic Development Foundation, seeking nominees. By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the nomination of Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge to be elected to serve as a board member of that entity.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT**
 Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown added that Ft. Randolph is approximately 65% - 70% complete and moving along on schedule. The contract time frame for completion is January, 2010.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Mr. Jacob Brister reported on the following:
- The Phillip Bayou/Fausse Revetment, Phase I project final inspection was completed on February 25, 2009.
 - The Lake St. Agnus Revetment project will be ready for advertisement, hopefully within the next 30-45 days.
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli reported on the following items:
- He is attempting to find out how many out-of-state fishing licenses may have been sold for participation in the recent BASSMASTERS Classic tournament.
 - The trip to Washington, D.C. , March 11 - 13, 2009 went very well.
 - The Red River Compact will meet April 29, 2009 at 8:30 AM at the J. Bennett Johnston Visitor Center in Shreveport, Louisiana.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**
 By motion of Commissioner Simpson seconded by Commissioner Fleming and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the following matters of litigation:
Cynthia F. Peironnet, et al vs RRWC
1st Judicial District Court
Suit # 482,499-B
Caddo Parish, Louisiana
 Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Belgard seconded by Commissioner Simpson and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session. No action was taken.
15. **RECESS**
 At this time, by motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the meeting recessed for lunch and the Secretary/Treasurer was authorized to pay for the meals of the Commissioners and their guests out of the funds of the District.
16. **ADJOURNMENT**
 The meeting reconvened immediately following lunch, however, there being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
 SECRETARY/TREASURER

EDMOND J. PREAU, JR., P.E.
 CHAIRMAN