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**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 19, 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 Vice Chairman, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., 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: Vice Chairman, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Harmon Belgard, Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randall Fletcher, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Chairman, Ed Preau, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

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. Lu Cutrera, Mr. John Marzullo, Mr. Gary Etheridge, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Shanah Morrison, Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Matt Brontoli, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Johnny Martin, Mr. Robert Breedlove

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Belgard, 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 Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, the minutes of the July 15, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of July, 2009 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Bids/Poland Recreation Area - By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Poland Recreation area to Beard Construction at a bid amount of \$815,500, contingent upon C.O.E. concurrence.

Approval of Contract Amendment #1/Louisiana Economic Development - By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1 to the Louisiana Economic Development contract extending the contract period to March, 2010.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 3, Tracts 2 & 3 - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of Pool 3, Tracts 2 & 3 to Dr. Robert Craig for \$234.00 per year on 39 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 2, Tract 3 - By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of Pool 2, Tract 3 to Mr. John R. Davis for \$66.00 per year on 11 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 3, Tract 75 - By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of Pool 3, Tract 75 to Mr. Roger Byone for \$116.50 per year on 23.3 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 5, Tract 67 - By motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of Pool 5, Tract 67 to Mr. Frederick Ratzburg for \$240.00 per year on 40 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Award Temporary Right-of-Way Request/Lock & Dam #3 - By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a Temporary Right-of-Way at Lock & Dam #3 to Mr. Dean Tyler for \$1,080 on a strip of property 50' wide by 3,485' long for a three month term.

Consideration of Revision to Existing Lease/Lock & Dam #2, Tract C - By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Belgard, the Commission unanimously approved a revision to an existing lease on Lock & Dam #2, Tract C to Mr. Randall Lane Howe to delete 9.4 acres from that lease of use and dedication to the Poland Recreation Area, thereby reducing the annual lease amount to \$2,894 on 132.60 acres for the remaining two years of a five year term.

c) Recreation

Consideration of City of Bossier City Funding Request/Teague Trail Extension - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the City of Bossier City funding request for up to \$200,000 for the construction of a 1,400 foot extension to the existing Arthur R.

Teague Parkway Walking Trail, from just south of the KCS railroad bridge to the intersection of the ART Parkway and Diamond Jack Boulevard, contingent upon the City's acquisition of required permits from the KCS Railroad.

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. The total number of visitors to the Red River parks during the month of July, 2009 was 263,000.

d) Ports

Natchitoches Parish Port Land Report - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, and unanimously approved, staff and legal counsel were authorized to proceed with the development of a cooperative agreement with the Natchitoches Parish Port Commission with regard to the purchase of an additional 383 acres adjacent to the Port. The funds for this project have already been allocated in the budget.

At this time, Mr. Johnny Martin with Terral River Services, Inc., gave a brief update regarding tonnage and barge activities on the river. In addition, tonnage reports from the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port and the Natchitoches Parish Port were included in the meeting packet.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in them meeting packet.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

National Waterways Conference - By motion of Commissioner Belgard, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the reimbursement of expenses for Commissioners and staff wishing to attend the National Waterways Conference in Charleston, West Virginia, September 23 - 25, 2009, to do so.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown took this opportunity to report that, due to budget constraints with the Louisiana Office of State Parks, the Ft. Randolph/Buhlow Historical Site, an approximately \$5.2 million project, will go into caretaker status once that project is complete.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - No report

11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - Mr. Rich Brontoli reported on the following issues:

- Mr. Brontoli will be traveling to Washington, D.C. to visit with members of the Red River District Congressional Delegation staff the week of September 14, 2009. As this is also the week of the RRWC monthly meeting, Mr. Guidry will not accompany Mr. Brontoli on that trip.
- The River Awareness Trip is scheduled for the week of October 26 - 30, 2009, departing from the various ports on the river. More detailed information will be provided once the necessary arrangements have been confirmed.
- Included in the stimulus bill was \$3 million to NRCS for the Red Bayou Irrigation Project in North Caddo Parish, Louisiana. Water will be pumped from Red River to Red Bayou. That project should be completed this year. A similar project is being considered to involve Bayou Rapides and Bayou Boeuf.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Request from Coordinating and Development Corporation - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved a resolution and letter of support to the members of Louisiana's Congressional Delegation, as prepared and provided by the Coordinating and Development Corporation, in support of continued federal funding of the Camp Minden Regional Training Institute for further development (SEE ATTACHED).

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14. 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 Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

WILLIAM D. ANKNER, PH. D.
CHAIRMAN