



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 16, 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, Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Michael Simpson.
  - Absent:** Chairman, Dr. William D. Ankner, Ph.D., Commissioner Harmon R. Belgard, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge
  - RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Randy Walters - Marketing Director, Mr. Mike Boydstun - 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. David L. Crutchfield, II, Mr. Mike McQuillan, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Gary Etheridge, Mr. Robert Breedlove
3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 Owens, the minutes of the August 19, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.
5. **TREASURER'S REPORT** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of August, 2009 were unanimously approved.
6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
  - a) **Contracts**
    - Approval of Cooperative Agreement/Teague Trail Extension** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the City of Bossier City with funding assistance of up to \$200,000.00 to the City of Bossier City for the approximately 1,400 foot extension of the Arthur Teague Parkway Trails, passing under the railroad pass, contingent upon final approval from KCS Railroad and the City of Bossier City.
    - Approval of Cooperative Agreement/Rapides Parish Sheriffs Office** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the hourly rate increase from \$31.00 per hour to \$40.00 per hour for deputy patrol services provided by the Rapides Parish Sheriff's Department for the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area in Pineville, Louisiana.
    - Ratification of Change Order #13/Ft. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved ratification of Change Order No. 13 of the Fts. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site for following items resulting in a net decrease of \$2,597.00 in the contract amount.
      - Reduction in amount of asphalt and stone at the Maintenance Building/Fuel Storage Shed due to "best fit" location of Euclid Street and Fuel Storage Shed. The resulting credit is \$4349.00.
      - Deletion of requirement for contractor to provide posted signs. The posted signs will be provided by the Office of State Parks. The resulting credit if \$638.00.
      - Addition of 24" x 30" bronze plaque per the attached requirements at a total cost of \$2390.00.
    - Approval of Change Order No. 14/Ft. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 14 of the Ft. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site resulting in a reduction of \$22,309.00 in the contract amount due to reduced thickness in the asphalt access roads at Ft. Randolph.
  - b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action**
    - Consideration of Seismic Survey Request/Pools 4 & 5** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission unanimously approved the request from Global Geotechnical Services permitting that entity to conduct a 3-D seismic survey across Commission owned lands in Pools 4 & 5 in Red River, Bossier and Caddo Parishes.
    - Consideration of Servitude Request/Grand Ecore Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission unanimously approved the servitude request from Stantec Consulting Corporation for .34 acres adjacent to the Grand Ecore Recreation Area for the purpose of placing two monitoring wells near their block valve at a total servitude fee of \$7,480.00 for a five year term.
    - Consideration of Right-of-Way Request by LADOTD/O.K. Allen Bridge** - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the right-of-way request by Louisiana D.O.T.D. at the O.K. Allen Bridge.
  - c) **Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - A prepared report was provided. Mr. Mike Boydston noted that there were approximately 184,000 visitors to the various parks on Red River during the month of August, 2009.

**d) Ports**

**Approval of Natchitoches Parish Port Cooperative Agreement** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Natchitoches Parish Port for \$1.2 million for land purchase.

At this time, Mr. Robert Breedlove reported that the Red River Parish Port is currently moving several barges of aggregate through their facility to be used in the on-going Haynesville Shale operations. The Natchitoches Parish Port facility is moving 42" x 80' pipe joints to be used in the Entergy Transfer Tiger Pipeline being constructed from Carthage, Texas to Delhi, Louisiana. Also, the Natchitoches Port anticipates moving super sacks of citrus acid, frac-sand and other chemicals within the coming year.

Mr. Breedlove took this opportunity to thank the Commission for its approval of the funding for land purchase as well as the Commission's continued support of the Port and its projects.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provide in the meeting packet. Commissioner Owens encouraged any Commissioner planning to attend any of the functions listed in that report to please coordinate those travel and registration needs with Mrs. Cathy Rushing in the Commission office.

Commissioner Owens reported that the grand opening ceremonies for the Pratt Industries facility at the Caddo-Bossier Port site held on Tuesday, September 15, 2009 at that facility was very well attended.

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report

**h) Legislative** - No report

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Arkansas Governor's Conference/Little Rock, Arkansas/October 5 - 7, 2009** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the reimbursement of expenses for any Commissioner or staff members wishing to attend the Arkansas Governor's Conference scheduled for October 5 - 7, 2009 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

**8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Colin Brown noted that the Ft. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site is presently 89% complete. Also, a Notice to Proceed has been issued for construction of the Poland Recreation Facility. Weather permitting, work is scheduled to begin Monday, September 21, 2009 on that project.

Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., took this opportunity to request that the C.O.E. check into repairing the access road to Lock & Dam #2, noting the existence of several pot holes.

**9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report

**10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Mr. Jacob Brister reported on the following items:

- The contract for the Lake St. Agnes project was awarded on July 30, 2009 to Progressive Construction for \$4.2 million.
- The bid opening for the Lumbra Dikes project will be held the week of September 21 - 25, 2009
- Bois D'Arc, Phase III was awarded July 29, 2009 to Souter Construction Company, Inc., for \$1.3 million.
- The Bid opening for the Dickson Revetment project was held September 15, 2009. Bid award information will be provided at a later date.
- The Natchitoches and Red River, Atchafaylaya, and Bayou Boeuf gravel levee resurfacing project was awarded on August 25, 2009 for \$1.6 million to Hayes Manufacturing. That project is underway and should be completed in the near future.
- The Red River Public Awareness Trips are scheduled from 8:30 am until 12:00 noon each day, departing from the District Ports as follows:
  - Monday, October 26, 2009 departing from the Alexandria Regional Port facility
  - Wednesday, October 28, 2009 departing from the Natchitoches Parish Port facility
  - Friday, October 30, 2009 departing form the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port facility. The Lake Texoma Advisory Committee will have members participating in this trip.

**11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - At this time, Mr. Ken Juneau of the City of Alexandria stated that he would attend the October 21, 2009 Commission meeting to provide information regarding the City of Alexandria's plans for rail service to the Alexandria Regional Port facility.

**14. RECESS**

At this time, by motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, 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.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting reconvened immediately following lunch, however, there being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

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JAMES F. MAXEY

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WILLIAM D. ANKNER, PH. D.

SECRETARY/TREASURER

CHAIRMAN