

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 20, 2010  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHEs, 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 Wayne Davis, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Chairman, Dr. William D. Ankner, Ph.D., Commissioner Doug Brown

**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. Jacob Brister, Mr. Ken Juneau, Mr. Mike McQuillan, Mr. Gary Ethridge, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Mrs. Jessica Broadway

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the minutes of the December 16, 2009 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Expenditures & Investment Reports for the month of December, 2009 were unanimously approved. Due to year end close-outs, approval of the Financial Statement for the month of December, 2009, were delayed until next month.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Approval of Change Order No. 2/Poland Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 for the Poland Recreation Area project to allow for a 23 day extension to the contract due to rain delays.

**Authority to Advertise for Office Repairs/Renovations** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to move forward to advertise for the renovations and repairs of the Commission Headquarters office building.

**Authority to Award Janitorial Contract/Colfax Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of the janitorial contract for the Colfax recreational area to MCL Enterprises at a bid amount of \$1,099.00 per month.

**Authority to Award Janitorial Contract/Teague/Stoner Recreation Areas** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of the janitorial contract for the Stoner & Teague recreational areas to Billy's Industrial Cleaning at a bid amount of \$995.00 per month.

**Approval of Supplemental Agreement No. 2/RRW524/Ft. Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site Exhibits** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the Contract Amendment No. 2-RRW524 for the Forts Randolph & Buhlow State Historic Site project, adding an additional 185 days to the contract time. Mr. Colin Brown explained that based upon the Contract No. RRW-524 and Supplemental Agreement No. 1, SMS was initially provided 415 days from the date of Notice to Proceed to complete the design, fabricate, and install the exhibits. The Notice to Proceed was issued on October 8, 2008 resulting in an anticipated completion date of November 27, 2009. However, a considerable amount of that time passed while State Parks was reviewing the storyline, content, etc. Additionally, SMS has stated that they were ready to install a portion of their exhibits while they completed the remainder of their work. However, as everyone is aware, the stained concrete floor in the Display area of the Visitor's Center has been rejected and we are still attempting to move forward with a wood floor with Westerchil. Completion of the wood floor could take an additional 6 to 10 weeks depending upon the time frame necessary to finalize and approve a price, get the material manufactured/shipped, delivered, installed, etc. Therefore, SMS will not be able to begin their installation until the wood floor in the Visitor's Center has been completed and the general contractor moves out.

**Approval of Amendment No. 1/Northwestern State University Cooperative Agreement** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved additional modifications to the ponds being utilized by the Northwestern State University Research Center located at Lock and Dam No.3, so as to allow for proper drainage from the pond adjacent to the levee, into the

second pond adjacent to the first pond and through the existing weir into the drainage ditch, lowering the sill of that weir into the drainage ditch which ultimately drains into Cane River. Further, legal counsel was instructed to amend the Cooperative Agreement to include the requirement of the installation of booms/ netting at the weir to catch any giant salvinia which may flow through that structure from the ponds.

**b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action**

**Authority to Award Bid Lease/Pool 2, Hudson Cutoff** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved award of the bid lease at Hudson Cutoff in Pool 2 to Mr. Kerry Luneau at a total bid amount of \$5,005.00 which is \$16.68 per acre per year on 60 acres for a term of five years.

**Authority to Award Bid Lease/Pool 2, Grand Bend** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the award of a bid lease at Grand Bend in Pool 2 to Mr. Archie Craig for a total bid amount of \$13,714.50 which is \$11.15 per acre per year on 246 acres for a term of five years.

Commissioner Marc Dupuy took this opportunity to point out that a Ad-Hoc Committee had been appointed, consisting of Commissioner James Maxey, Commissioner Michael Simpson and Commissioner Andy Hodges, for the purpose of researching the possibilities of revising the Commission's land lease policy, particularly regarding, among other issues, the minimum bid requirements.

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting the following:

- There had been approximately 1.7 million visitors to the District recreation areas during 2009.
- There were approximately 79,000 visitors during the month of December, 2009.
- The boat ramps in the Shreveport & Bossier City area are still closed due to high water. All other ramps are open except the ramp at the Alexandria Levee Park with ramp cleaning activities still on-going at that location.
- There were several vandalism issues at several of the recreation areas involving picnic table theft, trash can fires, as well firearms being discharged inside the recreation area. The majority of these issues were reported in Natchitoches and Red River Parishes. There was discussion regarding optional measures such as amending park rules so as to discourage loitering, the installation of surveillance videos at the various park sites, and regular patrolling by the sheriffs' departments in an effort alleviate such vandalism incidents. Commissioner Dupuy took this opportunity to also point out that the sign for the walking trail at the Brouillette Recreation site is missing.

**d) Ports**

**Red River Parish Port Request/\$40,000 O&M Matching Funds** - By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Red River Parish Port Commission for \$40,000 in matching funds for operations and maintenance for 2009. It was noted that once the Port submits its request for 2010 operations and maintenance funding with evidence of matching funds, the Commission will then consider approval of the 2010 funding match.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report, along with a calendar of up-coming events were provided. Mr. Randy Walters noted that the Avoyelles Parish Port is scheduled to offload their first barges at the Port site on January 21, 2010 at approximately 11:00 am.

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Approval of 2009 Audit Compliance Questionnaire** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the 2009 Audit Compliance Questionnaire and authorized the Secretary/Treasurer and Executive Director to execute same on behalf of the Commission.

**h) Legislative**

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry reminded the Commissioners of the upcoming trip to Washington, D.C. March 10, 2010 and urged any Commissioner desiring to participate in those visitations with Congressional members and/or their aides, to contact the Commission office so that appropriate and timely travel arrangements can be made on their behalf.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - Mr. Greg Upton reported that oral arguments regarding the Fry litigation matter are scheduled to be heard on Tuesday, January 26, 2010 in Shreveport. Both he and Mr. Ken Guidry will attend. Also, Mr. Upton stated that he anticipates a ruling, perhaps by the end of January, from the Attorney General's office in Baton Rouge with regard to the regulation of water usage on Red River. It is not certain at this point, what that ruling will be, although it is anticipated that the Red River Waterway Commission will play a role in that regulation process. Mr. Upton pointed out that this does not necessarily involve the actual sale of water from the Red River.
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Mr. Jacob Brister reported on the following items:
  - The Lake St. Agnes Revetment project is complete
  - The Lumbra Dikes project is currently still on-going.
  - The contract for work on the Socot Revetment project is being advertised with work anticipated to being in September.
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - A prepared report was provided.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**February 17, 2010 Commission Meeting Venue Change Authorization** - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Fleming and unanimously approved, the location for the February 17, 2010

Commission Meeting and any required Committee meetings which may be scheduled for February 16, 2010 was set to be held at Diamond Jacks Hotel and Casino Resort in Bossier City, Louisiana.

13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

14. **RECESS**

At this time, by motion of Commissioner Owens, 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.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

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JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

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WILLIAM D. ANKNER, PH. D.  
CHAIRMAN