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**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Acting Chairman, Nicholas Verret, 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: Acting Chairman Nicholas Verret, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., 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.

Absent: Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

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. Luke Pearson, Real Estate Manager/I-T, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Ken Juneau, Ms. Holly Porter, Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Sharon J. Balfour.

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, 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 Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the August 18, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of August, 2010 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Authority to Advertise for Additional Amenities-Central Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the Additional Amenities-Central Project at an estimated cost of \$208,000.00.

Authority to Advertise for Additional Amenities-North Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the Additional Amenities-North Project at an estimated cost of \$345,000.00 for a picnic shelter at the Red Oak Lake Recreation Area; construction of overflow parking area for the Grand Ecore Recreation Area; and, a fish cleaning station at the Colfax RV Site.

Approval of Change Order No. 1/Office Renovations - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 of the Office Renovations Project for an increase of \$2,100.00 to repaint the door facings in the board room and lobby areas, refinish a section of the meeting table in the board and address noise reduction measures in the board room.

Approval of Change No. 4/RRW-4/Ft. Randolph Interpretive Exhibits - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 4 of the Ft. Randolph Interpretive Exhibits allowing a time extension on the contract of up to 50 days.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Leaseback Lease/Lock & Dam No. 1/Segments "B" & "B-1" - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved the Commission awarded a leaseback lease to Agri-South Group, LLC for a five year term.

Authority to Advertise for Lease Bid/Pool 1, Egg Bend Island - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, an unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the lease of Egg Island with the \$15 per acre minimum bid requirement, as per policy.

St. Maurice Lake Servitude, Pool 3/Requested Changes - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the Commission agreed to remove the language in the Pool 3, St. Maurice Lake Servitude document with Dr. Michael Redmond, holding Rio Rojo responsible for any claims that may be the fault of the Commission, However, the Commission denied the request to remove the 30 day termination clause in the document.

Authority to Enter Into Servitude Agreement/Alexandria Levee Park/Jensen Construction, Inc. - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously agreed to enter into a Servitude Agreement with Jensen Construction, Inc., for a section of property at the north end at Alexandria Levee Park adjacent to the O. K. Allen bridge in Alexandria, Louisiana, at appraised value. The area is to be used as a construction staging area during the construction phase of the new bridge structure and repairs to that existing structure.

At this time, by motion of Commission Prestridge, seconded by Commission Fleming, and unanimously approved with no comments from the public, the agenda was revised to add the following item:

Request to Surplus Property/Once More Island - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and unanimously approved, the Commission rejected the request to declare surplus the Once More Island in Pool 2, consisting of 649 acres.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Mike Boydston reported the following:

- There had been 200,000 visitors in the District recreation areas during the month of August, 2010.
- Dredging activities have been completed at the Natchitoches Parish Port and will be moving up river to the Red River Parish Port.
- Aerial surveys will be conducted next week for aquatic vegetation control purposes.

d) Ports - Prepared Tonnage Reports were provided in the meeting packets. The Port Commission will meet in October to hear the quarterly reports from the District Ports.

Mr. Greg Upton took this opportunity to report that the Red River Parish Port and Headwaters, Inc., have reached a settlement agreement in the amount of \$571,000.00 range and the litigation suit has been removed from the docket.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet, including a calendar of events. Commissioner Owens noted that Terral River Service has invited the Commissioners and staff to attend the christening of their new addition, the *Motor Vessel Amy T.* on September 29, 2010 at 11:00 am at the Alexandria Regional Port.

f) Personnel - Mr. Ken Guidry took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Donald J. "Luke" Pearson, hired to replace retiring, Mr. Garland L. Brown as the Real Estate Manager.

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT - Mr. Ken Guidry reminded the Commissioner of the Louisiana Association of Levee Boards Conference scheduled for December 1 -2, 2010 and the Mississippi Valley Flood Control Association Conference scheduled for December 2 - 4, 2010, both in New Orleans, Louisiana. He urged any member planning to attend these functions to contact the Commission office regarding registration and accommodations.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - Ms. Holly Porter reported that the COE had opened bids yesterday on the Socot Realignment project. Also the COE would be sending a check to the Red River Waterway Commission for somewhere between \$1 million - \$1.5 million sometime in October, 2010, towards the reimbursement of funds due the RRWC for constructed of project related recreation facilities in Pools 3, 4, and 5 which were constructed in advance of Federal funds being provided for public recreation needs. These costs were to be shared equally between the Corps of Engineers and the Red River Waterway Commission in accordance with the Project Cooperative Agreement.

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

- Old River Locks will be closing October 15, 2010 in order to replace the gates on the Mississippi side of the locks.
- There are some low water issues below Lock and Dam #1 with barges running aground in some areas. Funds have been secured in the amount of \$750,000. Dredging has begun in that area.
- He is working with Division and Headquarters of the COE in an effort to secure operations & maintenance funding. Continuing Resolution projects will begin in December, 2010.
- Bank stabilization projects review is beginning north of Shreveport.
- The BASS Federation Championship Tournament will be held at the Red River Marina in Shreveport, Louisiana, October 27 - 30, 2010.

Some further discussions were held regarding the low water issues below Lock & Dam #1.

12. OTHER BUSINESS - None

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14. RECESS

At this time, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, 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 Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

NICHOLAS F. VERRET, JR.
ACTING CHAIRMAN