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**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 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 Acting Chairman, Mr. Nick 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 Doug Brown, 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, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: None

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

Others Present: Mr. Robert Breedlove, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Sharon Balfour, Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Ken Juneau, Mr. Bob Munson

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the agenda was unanimously approved.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the minutes of the September 19, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of September, 2010 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Ratification of Change Order No. 2/Office Renovations - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved ratification of the Office Renovations Project Change Order No. 2 for a contract increase of \$2,700.00 and a 28 day time extension.

Approval of Change Order No. 6 - Poland Recreation Area - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Poland Recreation Area Change Order No. 6 for a cost increase of \$12,063.05 due mostly to delays in de-watering for construction of the boat ramp at that site, due to site construction issues.

Approval of Change Order No. 18/Forts Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the Forts Randolph/Buhlow State historic Site Change Order No. 18 to close out the Westerchil contract with a decrease of \$12,000.00 in the contract amount due mostly to the inadequate establishment of seeded Bermuda grass as per the contract specifications.

2011 Contract Renewals - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the 2011 contract renewals as per the recommendations of the staff and actions taken by the Contracts Committee.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Award of Bid Lease/Pool 1, Egg Bend Island - No bids were received, therefore, no action was taken.

RRAB Request/Fence Removal/Once More Realignment, Pool 1, Tracts 10-15, & Tract 18 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the Commission voted not to rebuild a fence scheduled for removal by the Red River, Atchafalaya, and Bayou Boeuf Levee District on Tracts 10-15 & Tract 18 of the Once More Realignment property in Pool 1 due to over-growth of vegetation; accept from the lessee, the cancellation of the lease agreement on this property; and, readvertise for bids on the property with no minimum bid requirements and subject to the lessee rebuilding a fence and maintaining the fence row free of vegetation.

Servitude Release Request/Lock & Dam No. 4, Tract 7 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the release of the servitude of Lock and Dam #4, Tract 7 at the fair market value, contingent upon the landowner requesting the servitude release pay for the cost of the appraisal.

Natchitoches Parish Port Mitigation Covenant Amendment - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the Natchitoches Parish Port Mitigation Covenant Amendment, revising the mitigated property description.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 187,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the month of September, 2010.

Approval of 2011 Recreation Priorities - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, and unanimously approved, the Commission established the Bishop Point Access Road and Parking Lot Asphalt Overlay project as the first priority under Recreational Facility Projects for 2011.

d) Ports - Commissioner Fleming reported that the District Ports had presented their annual reports with proposed projects for 2011 before the Ports Committee on Tuesday, October 19, 2010. These projects are taken under advisement by the Committee at this time.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Owens noted that the Forts Randolph/Buhlow State Historic Site private viewing for the Commissioners, staff and invited guests is tentatively scheduled for Tuesday, November 9, 2010. An announcement with additional information and details will be provided at a later date.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report. However, Mr. Greg Upon took this opportunity to thank the Commission for continuing its contract and to express his appreciation in dealing with the professionalism of the Commissioners and staff of the Red River Waterway Commission on a daily basis.

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT No report. Mr. Guidry took this opportunity to report that the Corp of Engineers had delivered a check to the Commission in the amount of \$2,100,000 as partial payment for monies owed relative to the Commission for past recreational facility construction projects, paid in full by the Commission but for which the COE is responsible for 50/50 cost sharing as per the Memorandum of Understanding.

11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - In the absence of Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Ken Guidry highlighted the prepared report submitted by Mr. Brontoli.

12. OTHER BUSINESS - None

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Mr. Robert Breedlove thanked the Commission for its continued support and took this opportunity announce that the Port would be hosting an appreciation event for the Commissioners and staff on the evening of December 14, 2010 at 7:00 pm. Invitations will be mailed out.

14. RECESS

At this time, by motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, 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 Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

NICHOLAS F. VERRET, JR.
ACTING CHAIRMAN