

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2012  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Interim Acting Chair, Mr. Larry Ardoin, in the Board Room of the Red River Waterway Commission Office located at 5941 Highway 1 By-Pass in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

2. **ROLL CALL, INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS, AND CALL FOR PUBLIC COMMENTS**

Roll was called and a quorum was present. Others in attendance were asked to identify themselves and offer any comments they may have regarding the agenda. However, no comments were offered.

**Present:** Interim Acting Chair, Larry Ardoin, Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** , Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III.

**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. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Ms. Peggy St. John - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Robert Breedlove, Mr. Rich Brontoli

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, 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 Owens, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Financial Statements for the months of December, 2011 and January, 2012 as well as the Expenditures, Financial Statements & Investment Reports for the month of February, 2012, were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Janitorial Proposals /Alexandria Levee Park & Ft. Buhlow** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved award of the janitorial contracts for the Alexandria Levee Park and the Ft. Buhlow Recreational Facility to Pro-Clean Janitorial Services for a low bid amount of \$3,600 per year for the Alexandria Levee Park facility and \$6,000 per year for the Ft. Buhlow Recreational facility, a total of \$9,600 for both facilities for a period of one year.

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

**Authority to Award Leaseback Pool 3, Tract 58** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback agreement to Mr. Brian Shelton on 12 acres in Pool 3, Tract 58 for an appraised value of \$10 per acre per year, for a total of \$600 for a five year term.

**Authority to Advertise for Public Bid Lease, Lock & Dam #4, Portions of Tracts 1, 8, & 9** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, the Commission voted not to advertise for the public lease bid on 30 acres located adjacent to the Red Oak Lake Recreational facility at Lock and Dam #4, portions of Tracts 1, 8, & 9.

**Authority to Advertise for Public Bid Lease/Pool 1/Wilson Point** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for a public lease bid for 69.7 acres in Pool 1 at Wilson Point.

**Request for Leaseback/Pool 3, Parts of Tracts 80 & 81** - By motion of Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to proceed with the leaseback process for 14 acres in Pool 3, Parts of Tracts 80 & 81.

c) **Recreation**

**Revision of Colfax RV Park Camping Rates** - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved an increase in the overnight camping fees at the Colfax RV Park to \$32 per night, with the half-price discount applying to all America the Beautiful Pass holders, effective April 1, 2012 for all new reservations. All existing reservations will be honored at the existing rate of \$24 per night, and \$12 per night for America the Beautiful Pass holders.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report as provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been approximately 206,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the month of February, 2012.

d) **Ports**

**Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Red River Parish Port/Access Road Improvement Project** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission unanimously approved

the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Red River Parish Port Commission for the Access Road Improvement project with the deletion of Paragraph #5 regarding Special Restrictions.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared Activities Report and a list of upcoming events were provided.

**f) Personnel** - No report

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

**h) Legislative** - There was some discussion regarding proposed legislative issues which may have potential impact on the Red River District.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - No report

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** - No report

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli reported that a Navigation Committee conference call is scheduled for the morning of Friday, March 23, 2012 to discuss the current heavy rainfall throughout the District, its potential impacts on the river in the coming weeks and plans to address issues surrounding that situation.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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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LARRY ARDOIN  
INTERIM ACTING CHAIR