

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 20, 2012
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Acting Chair, Murphy LeDoux, 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: Acting Chair, Murphy LeDoux, Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Paul Fleming

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Randy Walters - Marketing Director, Mrs. Cathy Rushing - Executive Assistant, Mr. Colin Brown- Engineer Supervisor, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Ms. Sharon J. Balfour, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Bob Munson

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, 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 Dupuy, the minutes of the May 16, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of May, 2012 were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Coushatta Picnic Shelter Painting Proposals - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved award of the painting contract for the Coushatta picnic shelter to Weaver Independent Contracting of Coushatta for a bid amount of \$7,125.00.
Approval of Bishop Point Asphalt Project Change Order No. 3 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 3 for the Bishop Point Asphalt Project resulting in a reduction of \$1,700.00 to the contract amount.

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

Authority to Award Leaseback, Pool 4, Tract 4, Segments B & C/Carroll Realignment - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of 336 acres in Pool 4, Tract 4, Segments B&C to Elmwood Land Company, LLC, for an appraised value of \$6 per acre for a total of \$2,016.00 per year or \$10,080.00 for a five-year term.

c) **Recreation**

Presentation by City of Shreveport/Caddo Commission/Dog Park Proposal - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved a funding request from the Caddo Commission and the City of Shreveport for \$280,130.00 for the construction of a dog park facility to be located at the northern end of the Hamel Memorial Park, contingent upon the execution of a Cooperative Agreement with the City of Shreveport as owner of the property and the Caddo Commission.

Consideration of Recreation Priorities - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and approved, staff was instructed to proceed with the design phase of the Grand Ecore R.V. park facility. Commissioner Prestridge opposed the motion. Staff was further instructed to prepare their priority recommendations for the list of future recreation construction projects.

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet, noting an estimated 239,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the month of May, 2012.

d) **Ports**

Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission/Ronpak Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port Commission for funding of \$2.5 million for the Ronpak, Inc. project to be located at that Port facility.

Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Avoyelles Parish Port Commission/BRUDD Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission for funding of \$500,000 for the BRUDD project to be located at that Port facility.

Approval of Avoyelles Parish Port Commission Request for O & M Funding Match - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Dupuy, the Commission unanimously approved the \$40,000 Operations and Maintenance funding match request from the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared activity report was provided in the meeting packet.

f) Personnel

Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Work Site Agreement - By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury Work Site Agreement request, subject to revisions to the document with regards to the provision of proper liability and workers compensation insurance by the Natchitoches Parish Police Jury for the workers and the full indemnification of the Red River Waterway Commission, as recommended by legal counsel.

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

At this time, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher and unanimously approved with no comments from the audience offered, the agenda was revised to add the following:

Ratification of Emergency Dredging Activities - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey and unanimously approved, the Commission ratified the emergency dredging activities ordered by the Executive Director beginning on the morning of Friday, June 8, 2012 and continuing through the morning of Sunday, June 10, 2012, as required to open the shipping channel below Lock and Dam No.1 in order to allow stranded barge traffic to continue up-river.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update regarding current projects.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - No report

11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - A prepared report was provided.

12. OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution of Appreciation/Larry Ardoin - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Resolution of Appreciation for Mr. Larry Ardoin for his service as the Interim Acting Chair for the Commission.

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - Commissioner Fletcher took this opportunity to note that there will be a surface and groundwater seminar conducted by Mr. Bill Branch in the DeWitt Livestock Facility Auditorium on the campus of LSU-Alexandria on Tuesday, June 26, 2012 between the hours of 9:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

14. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR