

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 18, 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 Acting Chair, Mr. 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 J. LeDoux, Jr., 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 Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner James F. Maxey

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

Others Present: Ms. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Ms. Brooke Teddlie

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the June 20, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Ratification of Change Order No. 1/Office Painting Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming the Commission unanimously approved the ratification of Change Order No. 1 for the Office Building Painting project for an increase of \$300.00 in the contract amount for additional work.

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action** - No report

c) **Recreation** - Mr. Mike Boydston

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet noting that there had been 285,000 visitors to the district recreation areas during the month of June, 2012. Commissioner Dupuy suggested that Mr. Boydston provide this information monthly to the office of the Lt. Governor. Mr. Boydston also gave a brief update of current maintenance activities on-going with regard to the various recreation areas.

d) **Ports** - Prepared Tonnage and Project Status Reports were provided in the meeting packets.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

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

f) **Personnel** - No report

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

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry took this opportunity to remind the Commissioners to contact Ms. Cathy Rushing in the Commission office to make any necessary arrangements for their planned participation in any of the up-coming conferences and conventions noted on the list provided.

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

9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** Mr. Greg Upton reminded the Commissioners and staff of their obligations to participate in the new Louisiana Ethics Training Program before November 30, 2012 annually.

Mr. Upton also reported that there has been settlement discussions relative to the Hall Ponderosa lawsuit regarding the property rights in the oxbow near Coushatta. The RRWC is not a party to that litigation.

10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli reported several meetings scheduled with Congressional members in August, 2012, in their respective Districts.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Consideration of Meeting Date Changes for September and November Commission Meetings - By motion of

Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the regular monthly meetings of the Red River Waterway Commission for the months of September, 2012 and November 2012, were changed to the second Wednesday of the month as follows:

September 12, 2012, with Committee meetings to be held on September 11, 2012 as may be required

November 14, 2012 with Committee meetings to be held on November 13, 2012 as may be required

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14. ADJOURNMENT

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

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR