

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
AUGUST 15, 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, 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, Mr. Murphy LeDoux, Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., 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: Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II

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. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Bob Munson, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Tommy Clark, Mr. Eric England, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Don Pierson

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, 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 Fletcher, the minutes of the July 18, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts** - No report

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

Consideration of Leaseback Request, Pool 3, Tract 59 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a leaseback request from the Bermuda Land Company, L.L.C. for Pool 3, Tract 59, at an appraised price of \$12 per acre on fifteen acres, for a total of \$60 per year or \$300 per year for a five year term.

Consideration of Petrohawk Energy Requests for Temporary Waterline ROW at Bishop Point - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a Temporary Waterline Right-of-Way request from Petrohawk Energy at Pool 5-Tract 64, & L&D 5-Tract 6 for a total lease amount of \$32,500 for a period of one year.

Consideration of Request for Extension of Bid Lease Agreement/Grand Ecore Recreation Area - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and in accordance with the existing lease agreement which allows for lease extensions, the Commission unanimously approved the request from Mr. Winston Birdwell, for the extension of his existing lease agreement for Segments A, B, & C at the Grand Ecore Recreation site for a bid amount of \$41.92 per acre, which includes a 10% increase of the current rate as per the terms of the agreement regarding extensions, for a five year term, expiring in 2019.

c) **Recreation**

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

- There had been 243,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the month of July, 2012.
- Midway Marina at St. Maurice is under new management and that this facility is the only fuel stop on the river south of the Shreveport area.
- Giant Salvinia monitoring on the river is on-going by the O & M staff.

d) **Ports**

Caddo-Bossier Port Commission Funding Request/Project Delta G - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission for \$6 million for Project Delta G, contingent upon the Port securing that project at the Port Site (See attached Resolution).

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update - Prepared Tonnage and Project Status reports were provided in the meeting packet. At this time, Ms. Robin Cosenza presented information regarding the proposed placement of information regarding the J. Bennet Johnston Waterway in the Louisiana Travel Guide and the *Louisiana Life* magazine.

- f) **Personnel** - No report
 - g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report
 - h) **Legislative** - Mr. Guidry reported that there is a meeting scheduled with the Secretary of Louisiana Economic Development, Mr. Stephen Moret, Senator Rick Gallot, and Representative Herbert Dixon on September 20, 2012, at 1:30 pm to discuss development opportunities for the Rapides Parish river front in the Alexandria/Pineville, area. Mr. Guidry and Mr. Walters will be joining that meeting via teleconference.
7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
IRWA - C800 Principles of Real Estate Law Course - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Dupuy, the Commission unanimously approved registration and travel expenses for Mr. Luke Pearson to attend an IRWA-C800 Principles of Real Estate Law course, October 18-19, 2012 in Austin, Texas.
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 on the following:
- COE funding issues for dredging on the Red River. He noted that he is working toward making appointments with Congressional members during the current recess period to discuss those needs but felt that any attempt to go to Washington, D.C. for such should be postponed until after the November, 2012 elections.
 - Current COE policy regarding their reduced hours of operation for the locks and dams. Mr. Brontoli pointed out that there had been a recent incident on the Ouachita River in which a tow operator with a barge carrying petroleum products had to wait 2 hours for the lock master to open the locks to allow passage of the tow.
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 Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
 SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
 ACTING CHAIR