

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 12, 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 Bypass 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

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: Mr. Bob Munson, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Tim Wachtel, Mr. Rob Richardson, Ms. Shelly Ragle, Mayor Cedric Glover

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the minutes of the August 15, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts** - No report

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

Consideration of Request to Advertise for Public Lease/Socot Cap-Out, Phase II, Tract 11, Segment B - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Brown and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise Socot Cap-Out, Phase II, Tract 11, Segment B property for public lease.

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Mike Boydston noted that there had been 203,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the month of August, 2012.

At this time, Ms. Shelly Ragle presented a written report and gave a brief presentation to the Commission, regarding certain recreational enhancement projects, proposed by the City of Shreveport for consideration by the Red River Waterway Commission. Following Ms. Ragle's presentation, Mayor Cedric Glover presented his brief comments regarding those projects.

d) **Ports**

Request by CTSL/Revision to Funding Request - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the commission unanimously denied the request by CTSL to waive the requirement for a Letter of Credit pursuant to the funding request for that project. However, at the this time, by motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission voted unanimously to grant \$30,000 in funding to the Alexandria Regional Port for the Port's legal expenses associated with the CTSL project.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

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

f) **Personnel** - No report

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**

Adoption of 2012 Millage Rates - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved by roll call vote as follows, the adoption of the millage rates of 1.52 mills for capitol outlay and .82 mills for operation and maintenance for a total of 2.34 mills to be collected from the seven parish District of the Red River Waterway Commission, consisting of the parishes of Avoyelles, Bossier, Caddo, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides and Red River (SEE ATTACHED RESOLUTION).

ROLL CALL VOTE

AYES

Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II

NAYS

NONE

Commissioner James Douglas Brown
Commissioner Wayne T. Davis
Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr.
Commissioner Randell A. Fletcher
Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III
Commissioner James F. Maxey
Commissioner W. Alvin Owens
Commissioner Michael Simpson

ABSENT

Commissioner A. Paul Fleming
Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

ABSTENTIONS

NONE

- h) Legislative** - No report
7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry noted that Commissioner Mickey Prestridge's sister had passed away recently and asked that those present, remember Mr. Prestridge and his family at this time.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packet.
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 items:
- Red Bayou Project groundbreaking.
 - The USACE is scheduled to complete the dredging requirements at Lock and Dam #1 this week. Any remaining funds for dredging will be carried over into 2013.
 - The Vicksburg staff of the USACE will recommend no reduction in operations for rockage service in 2013.
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 Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR

RESOLUTION

By motion of **Commissioner Wayne T. Davis**, seconded by **Commissioner James Douglas Brown**, the Red River Waterway Commission hereby approves that a 1.52 mill tax for capitol outlay and a .82 mill tax for operation and maintenance as authorized by law, be re-computed and levied in accordance with Act 617 of 1977 Regular Session of the Louisiana Legislature. Specifically, the Parishes of Avoyelles, Bossier, Caddo, Grant, Natchitoches, Rapides and Red River shall collect 2.34 mills. The assessor of each Parish shall extend said taxes on the respective assessment rolls as required by law and the Sheriff and ex-officio Tax Collector of each of the aforesaid parishes shall collect said taxes for the 2012 assessment year in the manner required by law and shall remit the same to this governing authority to be used for purposes for which said tax was authorized by the following vote:

YEAS:

Commissioner James Douglas Brown
Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II
Commissioner Wayne T. Davis
Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr.
Commissioner Randell A. Fletcher
Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges
Commission James F. Maxey
Commissioner W. Alvin Owens
Commissioner Michael Simpson

NAYS:

NONE

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Commissioner A. Paul Fleming
Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

MEMBERS ABSTAINED:

NONE

CERTIFICATE

I, JAMES F. MAXEY, Secretary/Treasurer of the Red River Waterway Commission, do hereby declare that the above Resolution was adopted at the meeting of the Commission on the 12th day of September, 2012 at Natchitoches, Louisiana, at which meeting a quorum was present and voting.

Natchitoches, Louisiana, this _____ day of _____, _____.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER