

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 17, 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: Mr. Murphy LeDoux, Acting Chair, 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, Ms. Jessica Broadway, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Lanny Buck

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Dupuy, 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 Brown, the minutes of the September 12, 2012 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of 2013 Contracts List - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendations of staff with regard to renewals/re-advertisement of contracts for 2013.

Consideration of Insurance Consultants Proposals - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the hiring of Mr. Jason Aleman to provide Insurance Consultant services with regard to the analysis of the Commission's employee insurance benefit program at a cost of \$1,500 for those services.

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

Consideration of Request by Caddo Parish Sheriff's Dept./Lock & Dam #5, Parts of Tracts 5 & 6 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the request from the Caddo Parish Sheriff's Department for a revision to the Cooperative Agreement relative to Parts of Tract 5 & 6 of Lock and Dam No.5, to extend the cancellation period from 30 days prior notice to 6 months prior notice by either party.

Consideration of Request by Red River Parish Sheriff's Dept./Lock & Dam #4, Part of Tract 1 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the request from the Red River Parish Sheriff's Department to renew for four years with a 4 year renewal option, the lease agreement with the sheriff's department and to reduce the acreage from 10 acres to 2.3 acres at Lock and Dam No. 4, Tract 1.

Consideration of Request by City of Bossier/Cooperative Endeavor & Act of Transfer/Teague Parkway - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the request from the City of Bossier to transfer 0.06 acres of property immediately adjacent to the Bossier Parish's Sheriff's Department compound at the Teague Parkway Recreational Facility to the City of Bossier.

c) **Recreation**

Approval of Cooperative Agreement with City of Shreveport/Dog Park - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the Dog Park Cooperative Agreement document with the City of Shreveport and authorized the Executive Director to execute same.

2013 Recreation Priorities - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the following recreational projects for the 2013 budget cycle with instructions for staff to keep the total costs under \$1 million.:

- Ben Routh Doc Rehabilitation & Concrete Fumes \$350,000

- Montgomery Boat Ramp Improvements \$500,000
- Ft. Buhlow Dock Extension/Seawall \$250,000

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to proceed with design phase only of the following projects for the 2013 budget cycle:

- Design only of the special events restrooms and changing area at the public stage area of the Shreveport Riverview facility (Estimated Total Project Cost) \$500,000
- Design only of the Stage Pavilion/Shade Structure at the Shreveport Riverview (Estimated Total Project Cost) \$500,000

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Boydston noted that there had been 204,000 visitors to the District recreational facilities during the months of August and September, 2012.

d) Ports

Consideration of Cooperative Agreement/Alexandria Regional Port Authority - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the expenditure of \$30,000 to cover legal fees for the Alexandria Regional Port Authority to cover legal fees associated with the proposed Clean Technology Solutions Louisiana, LLC project.

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

IRWA Seminar - The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield the Commission unanimously approved travel expense and registration fees for Mr. Luke Pearson to attend the IRWA Seminar for The Valuation of Partial Acquisitions, November 5 - 8, 2012 in Little Rock, Arkansas.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Colin Brown reported the following:

- The staff continues to move forward on the Grand Ecore RV Park project.
- The RRWC prevailed in the Tudor litigation with the judge ruling to uphold award of the bid bond/court costs against Tudor Construction with regard to that entity's withdrawal from the Additional Amenities-Central project. However, the judge did not grant damages to the Commission as a result of that action.

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 dredging operations have been completed and suspended.
- A recommendation submitted by the COE to Division for no changes in the lock operations scheduled on the Red River for 2012. That recommendation is currently at HQ/OMB in D.C. for final consideration.
- Meetings with Congressional members and/or their staff will be scheduled after the November elections in an effort to strategize needs and plans for COE spending on the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway.

12. OTHER BUSINESS - None

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Executive Session to discuss the following matters of litigation:

Hall Ponderosa v. State of Louisiana

Docket No. 35585 - 39th Judicial District Court

Red River Parish

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Hodges and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session.

15. 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