

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
FEBRUARY 27, 2013  
10:00AM  
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 J. LeDoux, Jr., 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 J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner Wayne Davis, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

**Absent:** Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Roy Holleman - Marketing Consultant, 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:** Mrs. Jessica Broadway, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mrs. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Lanny Buck

**3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, 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 Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the minutes of the January 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Financial Statement and Fund Balance Report for the month of December, 2012 and the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of January, 2013 were unanimously approved.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of Mowing Bids** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the following mowing contract awards:

- **Ft. Buhlow** - Contract awarded to J & J Specialty Lawns for \$2,765.00 per mowing cycle.
- **Colfax RV Park** - Contract awarded to Get-R-Done Lawn Service for \$1,072.00 per mowing cycle.
- **Coushatta** - Contract awarded to J & J Specialty Lawns for \$174.00 per mowing cycle.
- **Grand Ecore** - Contract awarded to J & J Specialty Lawns for \$499.00 per mowing cycle.
- **Montgomery, St. Maurice & Natchitoches Recreation Areas** - Contract awarded to J & J Specialty Lawns for \$455.00 per mowing cycle.

**Consideration of Mowing Bids/Alexandria Levee Park & Poland Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved award of the mowing contract for the Alexandria Levee Park and the Poland Recreation Area to Green's Lawn Service for \$2,450.00 per mowing cycle for both sites, combined.

**Consideration of Award of Aquatic Vegetation Boat Spraying Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Aquatic Vegetation Boat Spraying Project contract to Edko, L.L.C., for a contract amount of \$250,300.00.

**Authority to Purchase Vehicles** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to purchase the following vehicles under state contract as follows:

**½ Ton Truck** - \$18,929.50 plus \$600 for the addition of a tool box.

**1 Ton DRW Truck** - \$29,363.00 plus \$600 for the addition of a tool box.

**Consideration of Authority to Seek Proposals/Maintenance Contractor/Alexandria Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved authorization for staff to seek proposals for a maintenance contractor for miscellaneous maintenance projects in the Alexandria Area

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

**Request to Advertise Public Bid Lease/Socot Cap-Out, Phase II, Tract 11, Segment B** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for a bid lease of a 91 acre island at Socot Cap-Out, Phase II, Tract 11, Segment B.

**Request to Declare Surplus Property/Pool 3, Tract 75** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously agreed to take this matter under advisement.

**Request to Declare Surplus Property/Pool 3, Tract 70** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously agreed to take this matter under advisement.

**Request for Concurrence with USDA NRCS “Equip” Program, Lock & Dam No. 1, Segment A** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved concurrence with the USDA NRCS “Equip” Program for Lock & Dam No.1, Segment A.

**c) Recreation**

**Consideration of Request to Hold Night Disc Golf Tournament/Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved a request to authorize the hosting of a night disc golf tournament at the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston noted that there had been 86,000 visitors to the District parks in January, 2013, as indicated in the prepared Recreation Report. He also noted the following events:

- The BASSMASTERS Weekend Series tournament/March 2-3, 2013/Grand Ecore Recreation Area
- Tournament at Coushatta last weekend/winning stringer of 5 fish weighing in at 26 pounds.

**d) Ports**

**Request for Funding/Caddo-Bossier Port** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Davis, the Commission unanimously approved the request from the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission to redirect \$485,000 from the Gray Water Filtration Project to the Slack-water Wharf Project to dredge the slack-water area, using the dredge material in the construction project for the slack-water wharf.

**Funding Request from Avoyelles Parish Port/Site Certification Documentation** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Avoyelles Parish Port for \$20, 000 for the Port Certification Documentation project.

**Alexandria Regional Port Authority Funding Request/Site Certification Documentation** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from Alexandria Regional Port for \$8,750 for the Port Certification Documentation project

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

Commissioner Owens introduced Ms. Stacey Brown of the Shreveport-Bossier Convention & Visitors Bureau. Ms. Brown requested that she be allowed to give a presentation during the March 20, 2013, meeting regarding activities of the Bureau. Commissioner Fleming requested that she provide a comparison of the BASSMASTERS tournament held in Shreveport-Bossier to the one held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Ms. Brown agreed and noted that the Bureau is also targeting hosting the 2016 BASSMASTERS Classic.

**Funding Request/SciPort Discovery Center** - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the SciPort Discovery Center for \$51,225.00 for the School Field Trip project, stipulating that the Commission funds are not to be used toward supplementing any portion of the SciPort staff salaries for this endeavor.

**Marketing Update** - Mr. Roy Holleman reported that an estimated 54,000 people attended the BASSMASTERS Tournament in Tulsa last week. The winning stringer weighed in at 54 pounds, 4 ounces.

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Approval of 2012 Audit Compliance Questionnaire** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the 2012 Audit Compliance Questionnaire.

**h) Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry reported the upcoming purchase this week of a new copier for the office under state contract. The current copier is 10 years old with frequent repairs.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief status update regarding active projects.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - Mr. Greg Upton reported that he anticipates a response within 2 to 3 weeks, relative to an AG opinion requested by Senator Dan Clator, regarding the Red River Waterway Commission’s authority under its enabling legislation to construct R.V. parks within the District.
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - A prepared report was provided. Mr. Guidry pointed out that Mr. Brontoli’s report included up-coming hearing dates posted by the Corps of Engineers regarding proposed reduced lock operations. Those hearing dates are as follows:
  - Monday, March 4, 2013 at 6:00 pm/Alexandria City Hall, 915 Third Street, Alexandria, LA
  - Tuesday, March 26, 2013 at 6:00 pm/Events Center, 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Natchitoches, LA
  - Monday, April 8, 2013 at 6:00 pm/Caddo-Bossier Port Regional Commerce Center, 600 Doug Attaway Blvd., Shreveport, LA

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 Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

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JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

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MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.  
ACTING CHAIR