



**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
MARCH 20, 2013  
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 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 Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge,

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive 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, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Stacey Brown, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Kelly Wells

**3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, 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 Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the minutes of the February 27, 2013, meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of February, 2013 were unanimously approved.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of Award of Mowing Contract for Colfax Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved award of the mowing contract for the Colfax Recreation Area to Jeff's Lawn & Landscaping at a bid amount of \$800 per full mowing cycle and \$550 per partial mowing cycle.

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

**Authority to Advertise Surplus Property for Public Bids/Meade Realignment, Tract 3** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the sale of the 4.5 acres of surplus property located at Pool 3, Tract 3 of Meade Realignment, with an appraised value of \$1900 per acre.

**Authority to Award Bid Lease/Pool 2, Tracts 1 & 3/Kateland Realignment** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of a bid lease of 65 acres at Pool 2, Tracts 1 & 3 of Kateland Realignment, to Mr. David Brown at a bid amount of \$15.00 per acre for a total of \$4,875.00 for a five year term.

**Authority to Award Bid Lease/Pool 1, Tracts 4, 5, 6 & 7/Bijou Realignment** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a bid lease of 366 acres at Pool 1, Tracts 4, 5, 6, & 7 of Bijou Realignment to Mr. Charles Dunn at a bid amount of \$16.50 per acre, or \$30,195.00 for a five year term.

**Requests to Declare Surplus Property** - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and the following Roll Call Vote of 4/3, the Commission voted to deny all surplus property requests for Pool 3, Tract 75; Pool 3, Tract 70; Pool 3 Tract 72; Pool 3, Tract 73; and, Pool 3, Tract 74:

AYES

Commissioner Doug Brown  
Commissioner Wayne T. Davis  
Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr.  
Commissioner Paul Fleming

NAYS

Commissioner Randell E. Fletcher  
Commissioner James Maxey  
Commissioner Michael Simpson

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared Recreation Status Report noting that there had been 162,000 visitors in the District recreational facilities during the month of February, 2013. He also reported that the first release of weevils in the Red River as part of the Giant Salvinia control project is scheduled for Wednesday, March 27, 2013.

**d) Ports** - No report

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Funding Request/Shreveport Convention & Visitor's Bureau/Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved funding assistance of \$60,000 to the Shreveport Convention & Visitor's Bureau and the Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission, jointly, for the purpose of promoting sporting events on the Red River in the Shreveport-Bossier City area during the coming year.

**Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Sci-Port** - By motion of Commissioner Davis, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the SciPort Discovery Center for \$51,225.00 in funding assistance for the River Works Exhibit.

**Marketing Update** - A prepared activity 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** - No report

8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - None

10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - None

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a brief update regarding reduced lock services on Red River as proposed by the USACE.

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 Fletcher, 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