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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 21, 2013  
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, 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, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner W. David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr.,

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Ms. Cathy Rushing - Executive Assistant, Mr. Colin Brown - Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Roy Holleman - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Mr. John Marzullo, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Brooke Teddlie, Mr. Bob Munson

**3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, 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 Hodges, the minutes of the July 17, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of Maintenance Contract Proposals** - No proposals were received with no action required.

**Consideration of Additional Aerial Spraying Contract** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a contract to Red River Specialties as an alternate contractor for aquatic vegetation control.

**Approval of Amendment #1 to Cooperative Agreement/SciPort** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment #1 to the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with SciPort to extend the contract period to October 31, 2013.

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

**Authority to Extend Leaseback/Pool 5, Tract 4** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, and unanimously approved, the Commission granted a 6 month leaseback to Mr. Orlando G. Pipkin, III for an annualized rate of \$15 per acre and instructed the lessee to obtain a contour survey, by a licensed professional surveyor approved by RRWC staff, of the property surrounding the dwelling, to determine the part of the RRWC property above the freeboard area, which is the 148 foot contour.

**Request to Amend Loggy Bayou Mitigation CEA** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment #1 to the Wildlife Development and Management Agreement, there approving the additional 1,109 acre Little River Tract and the 265 acre Dewey Willis Tract, for a total of 1,374 acres to the Loggy Bayou mitigation area, at an increased estimated operation and maintenance cost to the Commission of \$13,212 per year.

**NSU/NSU Foundation CEA** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to proceed to terminate the NSU and the NSU Foundation Cooperative Endeavor Agreements relative to the aquatic Research Center and the Giant Salvinia Weevil research program, and recoup any remaining funds expended to NSU and the NSU Foundation for this project. Staff was further instructed to prepare a proposal for Commission consideration to retain Ms. Allie Cozad as an employee of the RRWC and to provide options for Commission consideration to continue that program for the control of aquatic vegetation.

**c) Recreation**

**Hearing for Consideration of Banning** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the permanent banning of Mr. Chester Salard from all Red River Waterway Commission properties.

**Boyce Comfort Station/FEMA Compliance Update** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to issue a demand letter to the

engineering firm of Ballard CLC, requiring that engineering firm to design and construct necessary measures to correct the problem of the Boyce Comfort Station being constructed, as per their designs, below the flood plain.

The motion was amended by Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, to include that the plans must be approved by the RRWC prior to any work being done. The motion carried unanimously as amended.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Boydston highlighted the prepared report included in the meeting packets noting that there had been 240,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of July, 2013. He also gave a brief status update of spraying activities for aquatic vegetation control.

d) **Ports** - No report.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - Mr. Roy Holleman presented a brief update of his activities, meeting with various entities. Also, Ms. Robin Cosenza presented an update of the Giant Salvinia Weevil project video, posted on the RRWC website and the various avenues of further distribution for that video.

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 packet. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update regarding active projects.

9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report

10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - No report

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

**Committee Membership of Commissioner W. David Jones** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the newly appointed Commissioner from Bossier Parish, Commissioner W. David Jones, was added as a member of all Committees.

13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

**Morgan's Landing, Inc.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court**

**Suit # 77390-B**

**Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana**

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Fleming and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session. Following some discussion, by motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to move forward with negotiations with Morgan's RV Park, LLC for an agreement in principal on the structure of a settlement contingent upon professional appraisals of the properties involved. Further, if the Morgans agree to that arrangement in principal, staff is then instructed to direct Randy Brown to proceed with the appraisal for the cost of \$7,150 and report those findings to the Commission.

At this time, Mr. Greg Upton informed the Commissioners that he still had not received an official response from the Attorney General regarding any legal requirement that the Red River Waterway Commission must bring its plans for the Grand Ecore RV Park before the Planning Commission for approval.

There was some discussion regarding this matter. Mr. Colin Brown explained that staff previously had been instructed to hold off on proceeding with the project until after receipt of the Attorney's General's opinion regarding this matter. At this time, Commissioner Fleming stated that he felt the staff should proceed with completion of the plans for the Grand Ecore RV park. Mr. Guidry replied that, with no objections from the Commission, the staff will proceed to continue with the design plans.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, 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