



**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 18, 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 Wayne Davis, Commissioner Marc Dupuy, Jr., Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: None

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: Jessica Broadway, Robin Cosenza, Larry Sayes, Rich Brontoli

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, 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 Jones, the minutes of the August 21, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Authority to Award Construction Contract/Ben Routh Boat Dock - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved award of Contract #RRW-629 to Merrick Heavy Machinery at a low bid amount of \$269,778.40 for the construction of the Ben Routh Boat Dock project.

Consideration of Proposals/Ft. Buhlow Levee Ramp - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the award of Contract #RRW-653 to Progressive Construction at a cost of \$32,150.00 for the Ft. Buhlow Levee Ramp project.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Leasebacks

Pool 3, Tract 44, 45, & 46 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Pool 3, Tracts 44, 45, & 46 to Corwyn Aldredge at \$6.00 per acre on 194.2 acres for a total of \$5,826.00 for a five year term.

Pool 3, Tract 99 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Pool 3, Tract 99, to Richard Todd Hampton and Dianna Hampton Abraham at \$7.50 per acre on 25 acres for a total of \$937.50 for a five year term..

Pool 3 Tract 100 -By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Pool 3, Tract 100 to Charles Hampton, Jr. at \$8.50 per acre on 40 acres for a total of \$1,700.00 for a five year term.

Pool 3, Tract 11 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Pool 3, Tract 11 to McQuillen Properties at \$9.00 per acre on 20.9 acres for a total of \$940.50 for a five year term.

Pool 3, Tract 77 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Pool 3, Tract 77 to Waltco, Inc. At \$10.00 per acre on 80.9 acres for a total of \$4,045.00 for a five year term.

Grappe Cut-Off, Tract 2 - By motion of Commissioner Dupuy, second by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the leaseback renewal of Grappe Cut-Off, Tract 2 to Dr. Robert Craig, DVM at \$9.00 per acre on 35 acres for a total of \$1,575.00 for a five year term.

c) Recreation

Boyce Comfort Station/FEMA Compliance Update - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved a letter agreement with Ballard, CLC, relative to the FEMA Compliance issues surrounding the design and construction of the Boyce Recreation Area Comfort

Station.

Recreation Area Status Report - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packets noting a total of 218,000 visitors to the district recreational facilities during the month of August, 2013.

d) **Ports** - Mr. Roy Holleman gave a brief update regarding recent port activities.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update - Commissioner Owens noted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet along with a list of up-coming events. Mr. Roy Holleman also reported on his recent marketing activities during the month of August, 2013.

f) **Personnel** - No report

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Ken Guidry reported that, barring any objections from the Commissioners, he would begin closing the Commission office from 12:00 noon until 12:45 pm every day for lunch. No objections were noted.

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

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 matters:

➤ COE dredging activities on the river

➤ The COE New District Engineer is Colonel John Cross.

➤ The Senate WRDA Bill has passed the Senate but the House T&I Committee is working on mark-ups to that document.

➤ The Jackson Street Bridge in Alexandria remains closed to vehicular traffic but open to river navigation during the bridge project.

At this time, Commissioner Fletcher gave a brief update regarding on-going discussions to divert water from Red River to smaller tributaries in the Central Louisiana area for agricultural purposes.

Also, at this time, Mr. Roy Holleman reported that the update to the Economic Development Study by Dr. Loren Scott is proceeding on schedule.

12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

Morgan's Landing, Inc.

10th Judicial District Court

Suit # 77390-B

Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Brown, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session. Staff was instructed to continue its negotiations with Morgan Landing, Inc.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR