



**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 16, 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, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge

Absent: Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner A. Paul Fleming, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Michael Simpson

RRWC Staff Members Present: Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, 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, Bob Munson, Kelly Wells, Tonia Henderson Katherine Hebert

At this time, Mr. Marc Dupuy, Jr., commended the Commissioners and staff for the outstanding work of the Commission with regard to the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Project and expressed his appreciation for the friendships he has made through the Commission over the past 24 plus years.

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Jones, 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 Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the September 18, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Amendment No. 1 to Boat Spraying Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the Commission removed the funding limitations for Edko, LLC's 2013 Boat Spraying contract for aquatic vegetation control.

Consideration of Shreveport Riverview, Phase II Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved cancellation of the design contract with Sutton, Mitchell, Beebe & Babin Architects and approved entering into a design contract with Kevin Bryan, Architect for the Shreveport Riverview, Phase II Contract.

Consideration of Time Extension Request/Ft. Buhlow & Montgomery Boat Dock Facilities Project - There was no action taken on this matter at this time.

Approval of Cooperative Agreement/2013 Florida Bass Stocking Program - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries for the Florida Bass Stocking project, removing the Wildlife and Fisheries Foundation from that project agreement.

Approval of 2014 Contracts List - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the 2014 Contracts List as presented.

Consideration of Adding Maintenance Contractor to Contracts List - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the addition of a 2014 Maintenance Contract for the Central Louisiana Region with Progressive Construction of Alexandria.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 4, Tract 15 & Nicholas Realignment, Tract 4 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of the leaseback of 50 acres in Pool 4, Tract 15 and Nicholas Realignment, Tract 4 to Charles Leon Webb for \$12.70 per acre for a total of \$3,175 for a five year term.

Consideration of Request for Public Bid Lease/Lock & Dam 3, Tract 1, 2, & 3 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise for a public bid lease of approximately 388 acres at Lock & Dam 3, Tracts 1, 2, & 3 with a minimum bid amount of \$20,000 per year for a five year term for the land and all buildings except for that portion necessary for the Giant Salvinia Weevil Program with the requirement that the lessee maintains the buildings and property.

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared Recreation Area Status report, noting that there had been approximately 182,000 visitors to the district recreation facilities during the month of September, 2013.

d) **Ports** - No report

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Kelly Wells with the Sports Commission of Shreveport-Bossier City also presented an informational handout regarding their activities.

f) **Personnel** - No report

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

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Cane River Waterway Commission Water Transfer Permit Application to the COE - Mr. Ken Guidry presented a draft letter to the Corps of Engineers in which the Commission states no objections to the COE issuing a permit to C-K Associates, LLC, on behalf of the Cane River Waterway Commission for the purpose of construction of a pump station, pipeline and discharge structure to transfer water from the Red River to Cane River Lake. Following some discussion, the Red River Waterway Commissioners instructed Mr. Guidry to proceed with issuing the letter of no objection regarding this matter.

8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - The prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update as to the status of active construction jobs.

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

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

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION**

IMTS Counter Proposal - No action taken

12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Committee Appointments of Commissioner Larry K. Sayes - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the appointment of Commissioner Larry K. Sayes to all Committees.

Also, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, Commissioner Andy Hodges was appointed as the Chairman of the Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action Committee.

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, Commissioner A. Paul Fleming was elected as the Vice Chairman of the Commission.

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

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges 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 Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session. By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Maxey and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to proceed with the appraisal of the Commission property and the Morgan's property. The Commission further approved the appraisal agreement with Randy Brown at a fee of \$7,150.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR