

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
NOVEMBER 20, 2013  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHEES, 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, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, 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:** Robin Cosenza, Jessica Broadway, Greg Sanchez, Lanny Buck, Charlie Corbin, Bob Munson, Mike McQuillan

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 Owens, the minutes of the October 16, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Approval of Change Order #1/Ft. Buhlow & Montgomery Boat Dock** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order #1 for the Ft. Buhlow & Montgomery Boat Dock project to allow for an additional 10 calendar days with an additional \$10,660.00 added to the contract total.

**Approval of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Natchitoches Parish/Bike Trail Signage** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement for \$23,070.00 with the Parish of Natchitoches for the Bike Trail Signage project.

**Consideration of Amendment #1/Munson Group** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment #1 to the Contract with the Munson Group to increase the contract amount from \$75,000.00 to \$98,000.00 for 2013.

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

**Authority to Award Timber Contract/Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Timber Contract at Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area to Walsh Timber Company for a contract amount of \$240,700.

**Authority to Award Public Bid Lease/Lock & Dam #3, Tracts 1, 2, & 3** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to readvertise for a public lease bid of 399 acres and buildings located along the RDB at Lock & Dam #3, Tracts 1, 2, and 3, formerly the NSU Aquatic Research Center property, with a minimum bid amount of \$15,000 for a three year term, with the requirement that the lessee provide casualty and property insurance coverage.

**Authority to Advertise for Public Bid Lease/Hampton Lake Island/Lower Gin Lake Realignment, Tracts 8 & 9** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved authority for staff to advertise for public bid leases of the 107 acre island referred to as Hampton Lake Island and for 120 acre island referred to as Egg Bend Island at Lower Gin Lake Realignment, Tracts 8 & 9.

**Consideration of Surplus Property Request/Pool 5, Tract 4** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the request for the declaration of surplus property of 1.5 acres of Pool 5, Tract 4. Staff was further authorized to obtain a appraisal of that property and report back to the Commission.

**Consideration of Cooperative Endeavor Agreement/Stephen F. Austin State University** - No action was taken on this matter.

c) **Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Mike Boydston noted that there had been 123,000 visitors in the District Recreational facilities during the month of October, 2013. He also gave a brief status update on various maintenance activities at the various facilities, as well as the Giant Salvinia control project and the recent release of 40,000 Florida Strain Bass fingerlings into Red River.

**d) Ports**

**Approval of Cooperative Agreement with Avoyelles Parish Port Commission/EDA Grant Funding Match** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Avoyelles Parish Port for their EDA Grant funding match of \$1 million.

**Consideration of Amendment to the Site Certification Cooperative Endeavor Agreement** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Amendment to the Site Certification Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with the Alexandria Regional Port in the amount of \$2,500.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Roy Holleman gave a brief update regarding various conferences he had attended since the past Commission meeting.

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget** - Mr. James Maxey called a Committee meeting for December 12, 2013 at 5:00 pm at the Commission Headquarters in Natchitoches, Louisiana.

**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. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief status update on active projects.

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

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

**11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - A prepared report was provided.

**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 Owens, 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