

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
JANUARY 22, 2014  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHES, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by 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 Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III

**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. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Ms. Jessica Broadway, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Mark Begnaud

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, 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 Fletcher, the minutes of the December 18, 2013 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Expenditures & Investment Reports for the month of December, 2013 were unanimously approved. Due to year ending close-outs, approval of the Financial Statement and Fund Balance Report was delayed until the February, 2014 meeting.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Contract Name Change/ArkLaTex Safety to NSC ArkLaTex Chapter** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the request for a name change on the ArkLaTex Safety contract to NSC ArkLaTex Chapter.

**Consideration of Shreveport Dog Park Cooperative Agreement** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Shreveport Dog Park Cooperative Agreement with minor typographical corrections and authorized Kenneth P. Guidry to execute the document and forward to Mayor Cedric Glover to execute with a request to return one fully executed original to the Commission.

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

**Authority to Award Bid Lease/Hampton's Lake Island** - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Hampton's Lake Island bid lease of 108 acres to Bobby Hamilton for a bid amount of \$33.33 per acre, a total of \$18,000 for a five year term.

c) **Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 82,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of December, 2013. He also reported that a total of 20 alligator tags have been allocated to the Red River and will be presented in February, 2014. Mr. Boydston also commented on up-coming bass tournaments scheduled to take place on Red River.

d) **Ports**

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared update was provided in the meeting packets.

f) **Personnel** - No report

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

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Handicap Accessibility Workshop/Hot Springs, Arkansas/March 25-28, 2014** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved authorization for expenses to be paid for Mike Boydston to attend the Handicap Accessibility Workshop being hosted in Hot Springs, Arkansas March 25-28, 2014.

8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown informed the Commission of issues on the seawall and elevation on the Fort

Buhlow construction project. Full implementation of Change Order No. 1 will not be required. The reduced price and changes will be addressed in the final Bid Quantity Change Order.

9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli reported on current legislative activities related to the Red River. He also reminded the Commissioners of the annual Red River Valley Association Conference scheduled for February 19-20, 2014 at the Margaritaville Hotel and Casino Resort in Bossier City, Louisiana.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

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

*Morgan's RV Park vs. RRWC*  
*10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court*  
*Suite # 35585*  
*Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana*

*Hall Ponderosa v. State of Louisiana*  
*Docket No. 35585 - 39<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court*  
*Red River Parish, Louisiana*

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming and unanimously approved, the Commission entered into Regular Session.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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