

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JULY 16, 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 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. Mr. Tommy Wright addressed the Commission stating his discontent with the way litigation issues have been handled between Hall Ponderosa representatives and the Red River Waterway Commission, relative to attorney involvement. As a result, he stated that he would no longer discuss settlement issues with legal counsel for RRWC and has instructed his attorney to do the same. He further stated that any further discussions and/or negotiations would be conducted strictly between himself and Mr. Kenneth P. Guidry and Mr. Luke Pearson of the Red River Waterway Commission

Present: Acting Chair, Mr. 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.

Absent: Commissioner Michael Simpson.

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. Robert Vinet - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Tommy Wright, Mark Begnaud, Jessica Broadway, Bob Munson

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Jones, 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 Owens, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the June 18, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of June, 2014 were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Mowing Proposals at Aquatic Research Center-Marco - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a mowing contract for the Aquatic Research Center in Marco, Louisiana to Jeff's Lawn & Landscaping at a contract price of \$375.00 per mowing cycle.

Consideration of Cancellation of Janitorial Contract #RRW-634/Colfax - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved cancellation of the janitorial contract #RRW-634 with Lisa Gorham for the Colfax RV Park for failure to provide proper insurance as required under the terms of the contract.

Consideration of Janitorial Proposals/Colfax - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of a janitorial services contract to Jeff's Lawn & Landscaping for the Colfax RV park at a contract price of \$1,200.00 per month.

Authority to Increase AFC/Shreveport Riverview Phase II - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved an increase to the AFC from \$890,000 to \$990,000 for the Shreveport Riverview Phase II project.

Authority to Award Engineering Recruitment Contract/International Technical Services, Inc. - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved award of an Engineering Recruitment Contract with International Technical Services, Inc., at a contract price of 20% of the first year's salary amount for an engineer hired as a result of their services.

b) **Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action** - No report

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 162,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of June, 2014. Mr. Boydston also reported on the following matters:

➤ De-watering of both Saline Lake and Black Lakes is currently underway which has resulted in additional Giant Salvinia being released into Red River. Therefore, control measures are being conducted to try to stay on top of that issue.

- Mr. Boydston and Mr. Ken Guidry will be attending an interagency meeting in Jefferson, Texas regarding Giant Salvinia on July 17, 2014.
- The American Bass Anglers will be holding a weekend fishing tournament out of the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area during the weekend of July 19-20, 2014.
- The Giant Salvinia control activities of releasing weevils into infested areas on the Red River are currently underway. Also, members from the Stephen F. Austin University Giant Salvinia Research Program are currently working at the Aquatic Research Center in Marco, Louisiana, conducting their control measure activities for Giant Salvinia. Those members will be in attendance during the August 20, 2014 meeting of the RRWC to present an update.

d) **Ports** - No report

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

Consideration of National Waterways Conference Sponsorship - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved a \$25,000 sponsorship for the National Waterways Conference to be held at the Margaritaville Casino & Resort in Bossier City, Louisiana, September 17-19, 2014.

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Robert Vinet also gave a brief update on the following matters:

- The Louisiana Trust for Historic Presentation honored former Senator J. B. Johnston. He and his wife, Mary, were honored on June 25, 2014 at the Grand Ecore Visitor Center in Natchitoches, Louisiana which included a briefing and tour of the Caddo-Bossier Port. Photographs taken of the Johnston's were provided to Mr. & Mrs. Johnston.
- The KTBS Independence Day celebration was a huge success, attended by Mr. Kenneth P. Guidry and Mr. Colin S. Brown who passed out 200 life vests to children. Mr. Robert Vinet will be meeting with the members of the KTBS crew next week to discuss plans for 2015.
- There will be a Giant Salvinia Field Day event held on August 26, 2014 from 10:00 am until 3:00 pm at the Aquatic Research Center in Marco, Louisiana.

f) **Personnel** - No report

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

h) **Legislative** - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Kenneth P. Guidry reported on the following matters:

- Interviews will be held for the position of Administrative Assistant for the Operations and Maintenance department. This new position will cross train into other clerical areas of the office.
- A continuing education program will be initiated for Lauren A. "Allie" Cozad to obtain her Masters Degree through LSU in connection with her research and work for the RRWC regarding the Giant Salvinia Control Weevil program she is conducting and administering out of the Aquatic Research Center in Marco, Louisiana.

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 - No report

12. OTHER BUSINESS - None

13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC - None

14. EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

- a) **Morgan's Landing, Inc.**
10th Judicial District Court
Suit # 77390-B
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana
- b) **Hall Ponderosa v. State of Louisiana**
Docket No. 35585 - 39th Judicial District Court
Red River Parish
- c) **Rio Rojo, LLC/Threat of Litigation**

Immediately following Executive Session, by motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens 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 Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR