



**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 17, 2014
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, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

Absent: Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner Alvin Owens, 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: Ms. Jessica Broadway, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Randy Walters, Ms. Sharon Balfour, Ms. Kathryn Carlson

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Fleming, 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 Crutchfield, the minutes of the August 20, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Bids/Shreveport Riverview Phase II - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved award of the construction contract for the Shreveport Riverview Phase II project to ELA Group, Inc., at a bid amount of \$967,690.00 which included the base project and all three alternates.

Consideration of Proposals/Alexandria Levee Park Waterline Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Alexandria Levee Park Pipeline Project to MJL Construction for \$60,274.75 and to increase the existing construction budget from \$50,000 to \$85,000 for FY 2014.

Consideration of Mowing Contract Number RRW-622/Teague Parkway, North Caddo Ramp & Bishop Point - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously agreed to terminate the existing mowing contract with R. W. Rogers Maintenance Company and award the contract to Sutherland Lawnscape Corporation for the \$2,995.00 for mowing the Teague Parkway, Bishop Point and North Caddo recreation areas.

Approval of Scholarship Agreement - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Scholarship Agreement document with Lauren W. Cozad.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 3, Tract 63 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback to Mr. Joel Braud for 17 acres at Pool 3, Tract 63 for \$1,425.00 for a five year term.

Request to Advertise for Public Bid Lease/L&D #1, Tracts 3 & 6 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for public bid lease of 5.7 acres at Lock & Dam #1, Tracts 3 & 6 with a minimum bid requirement of \$15 per acre.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Commissioner Crutchfield reported that the committee had met and reviewed the list of recreation projects, making some adjustments to that list. Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 297,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of August, 2014. The quarterly vandalism report was also provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Mike Boydston noted that the FLW has scheduled 3 tournaments at the Grand Ecore Recreation Area for 2015, with several other fishing tournaments being scheduled at that same location by other entities, as well.

d) Ports - Mr. Randy Walters gave a brief update regarding the Cool Planet project and other related

activities at the Alexandria Regional Port.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Robert Vinet also reported on the following items:

- The Motor Vessel Fred Lee is currently located in the Shreveport area while the Corps of Engineers conduct their annual river inspections,
- Mr. Vinet and Commissioner Prestridge recently attended the Tennessee-Tombigbee Waterway Conference in Point Clear, Alabama.
- Highlight of up-coming events as noted on the revised Calendar of Events in the meeting packet.
- Website updates being considered for 2015
- Update of visual displays used for trade show events being are being considered for 2015.

Commissioner David Jones took this opportunity to suggest that the Commission look into networking with other states in the south having similar problems with Giant Salvinia, and joining forces with the Department of Wildlife and Fisheries in order to present a concerted front to the EPA for addressing the matter.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry announced that the Administrative Assistant recently hired to assist Mr. Boydston with operations & maintenance activities has resigned. They will be seeking to fill a position of an assistant to Mr. Boydston.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update on active projects.
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** - Ms. Sharon Balfour gave a brief update regarding the re-organization of the Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development.
14. **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