



**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
OCTOBER 15, 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 Bypass 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. No comments were offered regarding the agenda; however, Mr. Jim Henderson, President Elect for Northwestern State University addressed the Commission, stating that he was looking forward to future participation/partnering with the Commission regarding issues of mutual interest.

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 Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens

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: Jessica Broadway, Bob Munson, Jim Henderson

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, 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 Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the minutes of the September 17, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Painting Proposals/Amphitheater/Alexandria Levee Park - No bids were received for this project; therefore, no action was taken on this matter at this time.

Consideration of Painting Proposals/Picnic Shelter at Bishop Point - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of the painting contract for the picnic shelter at Bishop Point to Professional Coating & Inspection of Bossier City for a bid amount of \$10,995.

Consideration of Bids for Construction of Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, and unanimously approved, the apparent low bid for the construction contract for the Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park project submitted by D'Argent Companies was disqualified as being non-responsive. Further, the remaining bids rejected as exceeding the estimated construction cost of the project. Staff was directed to re-advertise for bids for construction of this project.

Consideration of Proposals/Fiber Optic Line at Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously agreed to delay action on this item until the construction contract for this project has been awarded.

Consideration of Proposals/Electrical Service at Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously agreed to delay action on this item until the construction contract for this project has been awarded.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Bid Lease/Once More Realignment - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved award of a bid lease of 646 acres at Once More Realignment to Mr. Randall Wilson for a bid amount of \$48,450.00 for a five year term.

Authority to Award Bid Lease/L&D#2 Access Road - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of a bid lease of 20 acres at Lock & Dam #2, Access Road to Mr. Charles Bob Stevens for a bid amount of \$3,000.00 for a five year term.

Consideration of Request to Advertise Land for Public Bid Lease/L&D#4, Tracts 1 & 4A - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for bid lease of 66 acres at Lock & Dam #4, Tracts 1 & 4A.

Consideration of Stephen F. Austin State University Funding Request - The funding assistance request from

Stephen F. Austin State University was withdrawn at this time pending further development. No action taken.

c) Recreation

Approval of 2015 Recreation Projects - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved adding the proposed Teague Parkway Trail South project and the Ben Routh Recreation Area Pavilion project to the to the Authorized Recreation Projects List and instructed staff to budget for those projects beginning in 2015.

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 167,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of September, 2014.

d) Ports - Commissioner Fleming reported that the Committee met to discuss the 2015 funding requests submitted by the District ports. No action was taken at this time.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget - No report

h) Legislative - No report

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Guidry presented a copy of draft letter to the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the Secretary of the Department of the Army regarding proposed regulation to amend the definition of the Waters of the United States (WOTUS).
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** - In the absence of Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Ken Guidry highlighted a prepared report as provided by Mr. Brontoli.
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 Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR