



**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
NOVEMBER 19, 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. However, no comments were offered.

Present: Acting Chair, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

Absent: Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner David Jones, 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

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the agenda was 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 Jones, the minutes of the October 15, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the minutes of the October 23, 2014 Special 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 October, 2014 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Bids for Construction of Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved award of the construction contract for the base and all three alternates to Petron, LLC, for a bid amount of \$4,149,001.44, and to amend the Available Funds for Construction (AFC) accordingly.

Consideration of Proposals/Fiber Optics Line at Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Fiber Optic Line Installation at Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park to CP-Tel with an up-front cost of \$82,043.05 for installation. Monthly costs will be dependent on the service option chosen.

Consideration of Proposals/Electrical Service at Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved award of the contract for installation of the primary electric service at the Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park, Option 1 which calls for an up-front cost of \$83,847.53 and monthly facility charges of \$372.45 plus nominal usage costs to SWEPCO.

Consideration of 2015 Contracts List - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the 2015 Contracts List as recommended by staff.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Authority to Award Bid Lease/Lock & Dam No.1, Tracts 3 & 6 - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved award of the bid lease at Lock & Dam No. 1, Tracts 3 & 6 to Mr. Ricky Dupuy at a bid amount of \$427.50 for 5.7 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Award Bid Lease/Lock & Dam No. 4, Tract 1 & 4, Segment A - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of the bid lease at Lock & Dam No. 4, Tracts 1 & 4, Segment A to Buddy Collins & Associates at a bid amount of \$7,920.00 for 66 acres for a five year term.

Authority to Acquire Temporary Servitude/Lock & Dam No. 4, Tract 1 - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously acquisition of a Temporary Servitude at Lock & Dam No. 4, Tract 1 from William and Wanda Beach, for a sum of \$1,500 for the purpose of harvesting timber on Commission-owned property.

Authority to Award Timber Contract/Kateland Realignment, Tracts 1, 3, 5 & 7 - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously rejected all bids and instructed the

staff to re-advertise in the spring of 2015.

Authority to Award Timber Contract/ Lock & Dam No. 4, Tracts 1-4 & 9/Pool 4, Tract 2 - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of a timber harvesting contract at Lock & Dam 4, Tracts 1-4 & 9 and Pool 4, Tract 2 to Louisiana Forestry Services at bid amount of \$71,527.00.

c) Recreation

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 100,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of October, 2014. He also reported on the following matters:

- Moving forward with the Giant Salvinia control program.
- Have processed several Temporary Use Permits for various fishing tournaments in 2015.
- Will be seeking to hire an assistant to the Operations & Maintenance Director.

d) Ports - No report

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Robert Vinet reported on his recent activities and highlighted the up-coming calendar of events as provided.

f) Personnel - No report

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget

Consideration of Budget Policy Revisions - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Budget policy revisions as outlined by staff, with the following categories being moved from the Construction fund to the Operations & Maintenance fund:

- Dredging Expenses
- Aquatic Vegetation Control expenses, including boat spraying, aerial spraying, weevil development & implementation expenses, specialized equipment, etc.
- Mitigation Expenses
- Florida Bass Stocking Program
- Kansas City Rail Crossing at Lock & Dam No. 4.

h) Legislative - No report

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Mr. Ken Guidry asked that each Commissioner complete the Committee assignment chart for 2015 & 2016 and submit it to the office prior to December 5 for compilation and approval during the December 17, 2014 Commission Meeting. He also gave a brief update regarding the WOTUS (Waters of the United States) proposed changes.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief update regarding active projects and noted that the staff would be moving forward with the Grand Ecore Phase II RV Park construction plans.

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. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR