

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
DECEMBER 17, 2014  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHEs, LA

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, 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, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** None

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Mr. Colin Brown- Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Robert Vinet - Marketing Director, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Rich Brontoli, Robin Cosenza, Jessica Broadway

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, 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 Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the November 19, 2014 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Engineering Contract for Aquatic Research Center** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved award of the engineering contract for the Aquatic Research Center to Coyle Engineering Company.

**Consideration of Waste Removal Services/Teague Parkway Recreation Area** - By Motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved award of the waste services contract for the Teague Parkway Recreation area to Progressive Waste Solutions at \$98.00 per month.

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

**Authority to Re-advertise Bid Leases Expiring in 2015** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to re-advertise for properties under bid leases expiring in 2015.

**Authority to Re-Appraise Leaseback Expiring in 2015** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to re-appraise the properties under leasebacks expiring in 2015.

**Authority to Award Leaseback/Pool 5, Tract 7** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission approved the renewal of a leaseback for 85.3 acres at Pool 5, Track 7 to Magnolia Land, LLC at a re-appraised value of \$4,275.00 for a five year term. Commissioner Andy Hodges recused himself from discussing and voting on this matter.

c) **Recreation**

**Consideration of Approval of Use of Stoner Avenue Recreation Area parking Lot** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved temporary use of a portion of the Stoner Avenue Recreation Area Parking lot for the employees of the VA Hospital during the construction phase of a parking garage at the hospital facility.

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 92,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of November, 2014.

d) **Ports** - Mr. Robert Vinet gave a brief update on port activities.

e) **Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - Mr. Robert Vinet brief highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet.

f) **Personnel** - No report

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Approval of 2014 Surplus Equipment List and Authority to Dispose** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey,

seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the surplus equipment list for 2014 and authorized staff to dispose of the items appropriately.

**Authority to Unreserve/Undesignate Remaining Project Funds** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the Commission unreserved and undesignated \$1,111,421.82 in remaining funds from the completed/abandoned projects list as provided in the meeting packet.

**Approval of 2015 Budget** - By motion of Commissioner Maxey, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the 2015 Budget, as prepared.

h) Legislative - M. LeDOUX

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Consideration of Out of State Travel/Commissioners & Staff** - By motion of Commissioner Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved out-of-state travel and expense reimbursement for Commissioners and necessary staff to attend the BASS Masters Classic event, February 19-23, 2015 in Greenville, South Carolina.

**8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief status update on active projects.

**9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report.

**10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report.

**11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a brief update on congressional activities in Washington, D.C. relative to funding issues.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS**

**Committee Assignments for 2015 & 2016** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Committee Memberships for 2015 & 2016. The Committees will meet in January to assign Committee Chairs.

**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 Simpson, 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