

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 15, 2015  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHEES, 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,, Commissioner Doug Brown, 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:** Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II

**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. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Warren Byrd, Assistant Operations & Maintenance Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Blake Cooper, Mr. Bob Munson, Ms., Robin Cosenza

3. **APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, 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 Jones, the minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of March, 2015 were unanimously approved.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Change Order No. 1/Grand Ecore RV Park** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 of the Grand Ecore RV Park for a thirteen (13) day extension in the contract time due to weather related delays.

**Consideration of Change Order No. 6/Shreveport Riverview Phase II** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 6 of Shreveport Riverview Phase II as follows resulting in a decrease of \$5,174.00 in the contract amount:

- Add-Construction of 2 larger piers per attached drawing
- Credit-For installing smaller pile caps at 4 locations at tent structure
- Credit-For reducing sixteen 100 kip helical piles to 40 kip helical piles
- Credit-For deleting the requirement to "form" the pile caps at Rose Stage
- Credit-For deletion of decorative metal screen at Toilet Room Building
- Credit-For deletion of stainless steel thru-drain cover plate at Green Room Building

**Consideration of Colfax RV Park Washhouse Air Conditioning/Heating Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved acceptance of the proposal from IRA's Refrigeration to provide and install two (2) Daikin Ductless units at a cost of \$7,000.00 in the washhouse at the Colfax RV Park Recreation Area.

**Consideration of Ben Routh Picnic Pavilion/Fire Marshal Exemption Request** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved the Resolution (SEE ATTACHED) requesting an exemption from the Fire Marshall to construct a sprinkler system for the proposed open picnic pavilion at the Ben Routh Recreational Facility.

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

**Consideration of Request for Request for Leaseback/L&D#1, Tract 1** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved renewal of a leaseback of 43 acres at Lock & am No. 1, Tract , to Agri-South Group, LLC, for \$731.00 annually, for a total of \$3,655.00 for a five-year term.

c) **Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 114,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of March, 2015. Mr. Boydston also gave a brief update on the following issues:

- Current and upcoming dredging activities as a result of recent high river levels
- Giant Salvinia control measures activities
- Active recreation area maintenance/update projects

Mr. Boydston took this opportunity to thank and commend Mr. Warren Byrd for his contributions to the commission in his role as the recently hired Assistant Operations & Maintenance Director.

**d) Ports**

**Consideration of Proposed Amendment No. 1 to Existing CEA/Alexandria Regional Port Authority** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the amendment to the existing CEA with Alexandria Regional Port Authority with the necessary amendment to the budget to modify the scope of the project for a New Concrete Hardstand as follows resulting in an additional \$98,937.00 in costs for the project:

- Change proposed Concrete Hardstand to aggregate-surfaced hardstand
- Addition of Tenant Lay-Down Yard
- Addition of Administrative Parking Expansion

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Robert Vinet presented brief updates on the following issues:

- 2015 BASS Master Classic held in South Carolina; 2016 Classic schedule for Tulsa, Oklahoma; anticipate 2017 Classic in Shreveport/Bossier City, Louisiana
- Website and social media upgrades underway
- Upcoming conferences and events

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Announcement of Up-Coming 2015 Tax Millage Adoption/May 20, 2015** - Mr. LeDoux announced that the Red River Waterway Commission will be adopting its 2015 millage rates in its May 20, 2015 Commission meeting.

**h) Legislative** - no report

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Authorization of Out-of-State Travel Expenses/L. DeWitt Daigre**

**Certification of Playground Safety Inspector/Arlington, Texas**

**May 19-21, 2015** - By motion of Commissioner Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the out-of-state travel expenses for Mr. L. DeWitt Daigre to attend the Playground Safety Inspector Certification classes in Arlington, Texas, May 19-21, 2015.

**Authorization for Out-of-State Travel Expenses**

**RRVA Texarkana Water Resources Conference**

**Texarkana, Arkansas**

**May 28, 2015** - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the out-of-state travel expenses for those planning to attend the RRVA Texarkana Water Resources Conference in Texarkana, Arkansas, May 28, 2015.

**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** - Ms. Katie Breaux presented a brief update on current Corps of Engineers activities relative to the Red River Waterway Project.

**11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a brief update regarding his recent activities as well as current Federal funding issues relative to the Red River Waterway Commission. He also commented on a proposed Executive Order regarding flooding reclassifications and the Waters of the United States (WOTUS) bill.

**12. OTHER BUSINESS** - None

**13. COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None

**14. EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**Morgan's Landing, Inc.**

**10<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Court**

**Suit # 77390-B**

**Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana**

There was no discussion and no action taken regarding this matter.

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business to conduct at this time, by motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, 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