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**MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 17, 2015
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, 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 Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes.

Absent: Commissioner Randell Fletcher, 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. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Warren Byrd - Assistant Operations & Maintenance Director, Mrs. Allie Cozad - Biologist, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

Others Present: Jessica Broadway, Arlena Acree, Kelly Wells, Robin Cosenza, Jacob Brister

3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the agenda was 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 May 20, 2015, meeting were unanimously approved.

5. TREASURER'S REPORT

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

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Authority to Advertise/Boyce & Ft. Buhlow Road Rehabilitation Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield and unanimously approved, the Commission amended the budget for the Boyce & Ft. Buhlow Road Rehabilitation Project to \$535,000, increased the Available Funds for Construction (AFC) to \$475,000, swapped Alternate No. 2 with Alternate No. 3, and authorized staff to advertise for construction of the project.

Authority to Advertise/Ben Routh Picnic Pavilion Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the Ben Routh Recreation Area Picnic Pavilion project.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action - No report

c) Recreation

Consideration of Letter of Support/Watershed Study/USACE - There was no action taken on this matter pending the receipt of additional information.

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting the following:

- There were approximately 182,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of May, 2015.
- Staff is moving forward with the office parking lot rehabilitation project.
- Construction for the office renovation project to add another office inside the building is scheduled to begin July 6, 2015
- All construction projects at the various recreation areas, except for the Ben Routh Recreation Area, are on hold until flood waters recede. Additionally, all of the District recreation facilities and boat ramps are closed until flooding recedes and clean-up measures are complete.
- Various fishing clubs that had scheduled fishing tournaments on the Red River are considering their options to relocation those tournaments to alternate locations, due to flooding.
- Increases to the dredging budget for 2015 are anticipated.

d) Ports

Consideration of Funding Request/CBPC/Ronpak - CBPC withdrew this item at this time. There was no action taken.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Consideration of Funding Request/Shreveport Bossier Sports Commission - By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the \$30,000 funding

request from the Shreveport Sports Commission for their 2015 events.

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

f) **Personnel** - No report

g) **Revenue, Banking & Budget**

Adoption of 2014 Audit Report - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the 2014 Audit Report submitted by the accounting firm of Carr, Riggs & Ingram, having no findings against the Red River Waterway Commission.

Consideration of Investment Management Proposals - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, and unanimously approved, staff was instructed to invite the representatives from Reliant Investment Management, LLC, to attend the July 15, 2015 Commission meeting to further discuss their proposal and consider investment options for the RRWC.

h) **Legislative** - Mr. Murphy LeDoux reported that legislation has been passed and is on its way to the governor for signature, creating the Central Louisiana Regional Port in Rapides Parish.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - No report

8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown reported that all construction projects are currently on hold due to flooding issues.

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

10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Mr. Jacob Brister gave a brief update on C.O.E. activities, noting the following:

➤ The C.O.E. is currently conducting inspections of the locks and dams by sending divers down to inspect the gates for possible damage due to debris associated with current flooding conditions. The upper and lower inspections of Locks and Dams Nos. 3 and 4 are complete, as well as the lower approach to Lock & Dam No. 5. They are awaiting the reports to be filed regarding those inspections.

➤ It is anticipated that dredging expenses will be extensive as a result of the current flooding conditions on the Red River.

At this point, Mr. Ken Guidry asked Mr. Brister that the RRWC be provided with a copy of the report from the last river inspection trip conducted on the Red River.

11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - No report

12. **OTHER BUSINESS** - None

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

14. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

a) **Morgan's Landing, Inc.**
10th Judicial District Court
Suit # 77390-B
Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana

There was no action taken on this matter at this time.

15. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER
CHAIR

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING