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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
JULY 15, 2015  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHES, 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 Paul Fleming, Commissioner Randell Fletcher, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner David Jones, Commissioner Alvin Owens, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

**Absent:** Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner James F. Maxey

**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:** Jacob Brister, Katy Breaux, Brooke Teddlie, Bob Munson

**3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, 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 Fleming, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the minutes of the June 17, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of CEA/Teague Trails** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreement with Bossier City and Bossier Parish for the Teague Trails Extension, beginning near the CenturyLink Center at Arthur Teague Parkway and extending south along the parkway approximately 2.1 miles, ending near the boat ramp located on the Red River National Wildlife Refuge. The project includes two pavilion structures, with exact locations to be determined after the initial field work is complete. Included in the agreement is the understanding that operation and maintenance of the newly constructed trail will be assumed by the City and Parish of Bossier, respectively, for the portions built on their property. The total anticipated cost of the project is \$1.7 million.

**Consideration of MOU/Teague Trails Extension** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Memorandum of Understanding between the RRWC and the Red River National Wildlife Refuge (Department of the Interior-Fish & Wildlife Service) regarding the Teague Trails Extension Project.

**Consideration of Standard Use Permit/Teague Trails Extension** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the Standard Use Permit with the Red River National Wildlife Refuge (Department of the Interior-Fish & Wildlife Service) regarding the Teague Trails Extension Project.

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

**Consideration of Request for Lease Extension Option/Lock & Dam 2, Tracts 5, 6, 8, & 9** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved a request by the Big Lake Hunting Club to exercise the lease extension option for Lock & Dam 2, Tracts 5, 6, 8, & 9, with a 10% increase in the lease amount to \$23.20 per acre on 195 acres for a total of \$4,504.50 annually, or \$22,522.50 for a five year term.

**Authority to Adjust Land Lease Acreage/Grand Ecore Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the request to remove the 17.8 acre track of land on the west side of the access road to the Grand Ecore Recreation Area from the lease agreement as 12 acres of the area would be taken up in the construction of the RRWC Aquatic Research Center, leaving only a 4-5 acre tract. The lessee feels that this remaining section is too small to be of use to him in his cattle operation. This would reduce the scope of acreage from 350 acres to 332.2 acres and adjust the lease payment amount to \$55,668 for the remaining 4 years of the lease term.

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 105,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of June, 2015. The number is greatly reduced compared to this time last year due to recent/current Red River flooding.

**d) Ports**

**Approval of Waiver of \$40,000 Dredging Commitment at Caddo-Bossier Slackwater Slip** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the waiver of the \$40,000 limitation set on its dredging funding commitment for the Caddo-Bossier Port Slack Water Slip due to the unusually high impact of the recent/current flooding to that area.

**Approval of Dredging Contract with Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel/Dredging at Port Facilities** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved a dredging contract with Pine Bluff Sand and Gravel to address unusually extensive dredging needs at the various Red River Port facilities due to recent/current flooding.

**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** - Mr. Bob Munson took this opportunity to report that next month, he would be providing a packet of various bills he tracked through the Louisiana State Legislature which may be of interest/impact to the Commission.

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Approval of Out of State Travel**

**August 27, 2015 - RRVA Oklahoma Water Resource Conference - Durant, OK**

**September 22-25, 2015 - Gulf Ports Association of the Americas Fall Meeting - Point Clear, AL**

**October 4-7, 2015 - Congressional & USACE HQ Meetings - Washington, DC**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the reimbursement of travel expenses for Commissioners and necessary staff to attend all three of the aforementioned functions.

**8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown reported that the staff would be moving forward with the various authorized projects, as possible, with the still high river levels.

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

**10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report. It was noted that the Commission recently received a check from the USACE in the amount of \$3,203,442.22 as funds due the Commission as cost-share reimbursement for the COE portion of past recreation construction projects.

**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 Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, 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