

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 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 David Jones, Commissioner Rogers M. Prestridge, Commissioner Larry K. Sayes, Commissioner Michael Simpson.

Absent: Commissioner Doug Brown, Commissioner David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Andrew J. Hodges, III, Commissioner James F. Maxey, Commissioner Alvin Owens

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. Tommy Hengst, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Ms. Jessica Broadway, Ms. Tari Bradford, Mr. Skip Martin

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the agenda was 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 Prestridge, the minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

Consideration of Bids/Ben Routh Picnic Pavilion/Contract No. RRW-675 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Ben Routh Picnic Pavilion Construction Contract No. RRW-675 for the bid amount of \$219,754.00, including all three alternates, to Petron, LLC, and authorized staff to amend the budget and the Available Funds for Construction (AFC) accordingly.

Consideration of Change Order No. 5/Grand Ecore RV Park/Contract No. RRW-620 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Grand Ecore RV Park project Change Order No. 5, for an additional \$9,800 for the replacement of traffic maintenance aggregate at \$49 per ton for up to 200 tons.

Consideration of Change Order No. 8/Shreveport Riverview Phase II/Contract No. RRW-633 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the Shreveport Riverview Phase II project Change Order No. 8 for a 109 day time extension and an increase of \$15,461.50 in construction costs due to flooding delays and damage issues.

Consideration of Teague Trail Flood Damage Repair - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved and accepted the proposal from Bowman Asphalt in the amount of \$15,869.04 for repairs to the Teague Trails due to flood damages.

Staff was further instructed to proceed with the necessary repairs to the comfort stations and install temporary floating docks at the Stoner Avenue and Teague Trails facilities until design for a more permanent structure is prepared at a later date.

Also at this time, following some discussion regarding flooding impacts, the Commission instructed staff to file the information gathered thus far relative to flood damages claims with FEMA without execution of the compliance contract with FEMA.

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

Consideration of Partial Release of Servitude/Curtis Revetment/Access Road "B" - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the Partial Release of Servitude involving 4.48 acres at the Curtis Revetment, Access Road "B".

c) **Recreation**

Recreation Area Status Report - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 88,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of August, 2015. At this time, Mr. Boydston gave a brief update of maintenance and dredging activities currently underway at the various park sites in an effort to repair and re-open all of the District boat ramps following recent flooding.

d) Ports

Consideration of Plan for 2015 Flood Damages to Ports - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the following funds for distribution to the various ports for flood damage impacts, based on the expressed needs of each entity:

Caddo-Bossier Port	\$ 75,000
Natchitoches Parish Port	\$120,600
<u>Central LA Regional Port</u>	<u>\$149,000</u>
Total Disbursement to Ports	\$344,000

Consideration of Funding Request/CEA for Project Pleasant (Priefert) - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Caddo-Bossier Port Commission for 80% of final appraised value of Phase I of the Project Pleasant for Priefert, not to exceed \$4 million.

At this time, due to extensive additional proposed repair costs due to flooding issues, staff was instructed not to solicit for proposed port projects from the District Ports for 2016, rather to address any future projects on an "as-needed" basis.

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 - No report.

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 highlighted the status of current projects and construction activities.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - Mr. Tommy Hengst gave a brief update of COE dredging capabilities and activities relative to recent flooding issues and available funds for dredging. He also noted that the COE is in the process of acquiring drones to perform river inspections of problem areas
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a brief update as follows:
 - The Navigation Committee will meet on September 30, 2015 at the Red River Waterway Commission Headquarters, time to be announced at a later date.
 - Mr. Brontoli, along with members of the RRWC staff will be traveling to Washington, D.C. October 4-7, 2015 to meet with congressional members/aides regarding funding needs.
 - A buoy tender will be on Red River within the next couple of weeks to assist the Coast Guard in locating and securing buoys dislodged during recent flooding.
 - There will be a planning meeting established to conduct a navigation benefit/cost ratio study.
12. **OTHER BUSINESS**

Deep South Turf Expo & Conference/Biloxi, Mississippi - October 13-15, 2015 - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fleming, the Commission unanimously approved the reimbursement of expenses for Mr. Louis DeWitt Daigre to attend the Deep South Turf Expo & Conference being held in Biloxi, Mississippi, October 13-15, 2015.
13. **COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC** - None
14. **ADJOURNMENT**

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

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
ACTING CHAIR