

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
OCTOBER 21, 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 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, 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. Bob Munson, Ms. Robin Cosenza

**3. APPROVAL OF REVISED AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Sayes, 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 Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the minutes of the September 16, 2015 meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

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

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Ratification of Change Order No. 1/Office Parking Lot Rehabilitation Project** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for the Office Parking Lot Rehabilitation project for an increase of \$3,880.00 in the contract amount for additional aggregate and asphalt required for a portion of the parking lot.

**Consideration of Change Order No. 1/Ft. Buhlow-Boyce Road Rehabilitation Project** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 1 for the Ft. Buhlow and Boyce Road Rehabilitation project in the amount of \$64,572.55 to overlay the entire length of the nature trails and amend the budget to \$553,000.

**Consideration of 2016 Contracts List** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved the recommendations of the staff regarding the 2016 Contracts List.

**Consideration of Recreation Equipment Proposals** - My motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the proposal submitted by Hunter Kneppshild in the amount of \$32,730.31 to replace certain recreational equipment destroyed by recent flooding.

**Consideration of Change Order No. 2/Ft. Buhlow-Boyce Road Rehabilitation Project** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commissioner unanimously approved Change Order No. 2 of the Ft. Buhlow/Boyce Road Rehabilitation project for a five day extension and an increase of \$18,000 in the contract amount to allow for the total width rehabilitation of 315 feet of the access road, originally believed to be in better shape than it was, amending the budget accordingly.

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

**Consideration of Land Lease Bids/Kateland Realignment/Tracts 1, 3, 5, & 7** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved a bid lease to Mr. Mark Miller for 100 acres at Kateland Realignment, Tracts 1, 3, 5, & 7 at \$20.00 per acre for a total of \$10,000.00 for a five year term.

**Consideration of Request to Exercise Lease Extension Option/Lock & Dam 3/Tracts 1, 2, & 3** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the five year lease extension option to Petred Hunt Property, LLC, with a 105 increase in the lease amount for \$16,500.00 annually beginning January 1, 2017, for a total of \$82,500.00 for a five year term.

**Consideration of Request to Sublease Land/Lock & Dam 3/Tracts 1, 2, & 3** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved a sublease of 172 acres of Lock & Dam 3, Tracts 1, 2, & 3 to Brandon Strother and 91 acres of that site to Cane River-Red Bayou Farm.

**Consideration of Request to Surplus Property/Pool 3/Tract 75** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, with the following roll call vote taken, the Commission approved the declaration of surplus of 16.6 acres of property situated above the 98' freeboard and located at Pool 3, Tract 75 in Natchitoches Parish, Louisiana:

**YEAS**

Commissioner David Crutchfield  
Commissioner Randell Fletcher  
Commissioner Andy Hodges  
Commissioner David Jones  
Commissioner James Maxey  
Commissioner Alvin Owens  
Commissioner Larry Sayes  
Commissioner Michael Simpson

**NAYS**

Commissioner Doug Brown  
Commissioner Paul Fleming  
Commissioner Mickey Prestridge

**Consideration of Drainage Issues/Pipkin Property** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, The Commission approved the expenditure of up to \$15,000 to address drainage and levee seepage issues on the Pipkin Property and to clear and reclaim property which had grown over in vegetation as a result of standing water. Commissioner Fleming opposed the motion.

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydstun highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 145,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of September, 2015. He also reported on the following issues:

- Staff will prepare a list of major rehabilitation issues for consideration as a result of flooding during the summer.
- All of the boat ramps except the downstream ramps at the Stoner and Teague recreation areas have been cleared and re-opened as a result of recent flooding. However, the downstream ramp at the Stoner Avenue Recreation area was re-opened this morning with a temporary floating dock at that facility.

**d) Ports**

**Consideration of CEA/2015 Flood Damages to Ports** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Endeavor Agreements for funding assistance totaling \$1,302,820.10 (\$344,600 for flood damages; \$958,220.10 for dredge) for the District Ports as follows:

- Central Louisiana Regional Port - \$152,244.63
- Red River Parish Port - \$141,253.75
- Natchitoches Parish Port - \$321,610.30
- Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port - \$687,711.42

**Consideration to Rescind the ASA Resolution of Support** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the Commission voted to rescind the Resolution of Support with American Specialty Alloys (ASA) due to a change in the name of the entity to Revolution Aluminum, LLC.

**Consideration of Resolution of Support/Revolution Aluminum, L.L.C.** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the Resolution of Support with Revolution Aluminum, LLC.

At this time, Commissioner Jones noted that the Cool Planet and ADA projects are moving forward. However, the Preifert Project previously proposed to be located at the Caddo-Bossier Parishes Port site has been withdrawn.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Robert Vinet also reported on the following items:

- The RRWC and the Caddo-Bossier Port will be featured in a cover story of the upcoming fall edition of the Port Record, the quarterly publication of the Port of New Orleans.
- The RRWC Facebook page has been launched and is receiving acknowledgments/likes .
- The new RRWC Coffee mugs are in for distribution.
- The RRWC and the Caddo-Bossier Port will be featured in a cover story regarding inland ports.

**f) Personnel - No report**

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget**

**Consideration of Investment Advisory Agreement/Reliant Investment Management, LLC** - Br motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the Investment Advisory Agreement/Contract with Reliant Investment Management, LLC, to manage a portion of the RRWC's investments.

**Consideration of Investment Policy** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the Investment Policy to be followed by Reliant Investment Management, LLC, relative to investing RRWC funds.

**Consideration of Investment Guidelines** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Investment Guidelines to be adhered to by Reliant Investment Management, LLC, relative to investing RRWC funds.

**Consideration of Custodial Agreement/U S Bank** - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved the Custodial Agreement with US Bank relative to investing RRWC funds.

**h) Legislative**

**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 also gave a brief status update regarding active projects.

- 9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
- 10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report
- 11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - In the absence of Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Ken Guidry reported that he had traveled to Washington, D.C. along with Mr. Rich Brontoli, Mr. Colin Brown and Mr. Robert Vinet, to visit with congressional members and/or their aides to discuss funding needs of the J. Bennett Johnston Waterway Project (JBJWW). Currently, the Appropriations Committee is considering an OMNIBUS bill as opposed to a Continuing Resolution regarding that matter. Also, any funding assistance to the JBJWW under an Emergency Supplemental would have to be tied to and combined with such funding assistance for North and South Carolina and California, as opposed to a stand-alone issue.
- 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 Prestridge, 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