

MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
APRIL 20, 2016  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHE, LOUISIANA

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the Red River Waterway Commission was called to order by Chair Designee, 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:** Chair Designee, Murphy J. LeDoux, Jr., 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:** Commissioner Doug Brown

**RRWC Staff Members Present:** Mr. Ken Guidry - Executive Director, Mr. Mike Boydston - Operations & Maintenance Director, Mr. Colin Brown - Assistant Executive Director, Mr. Luke Pearson - Real Estate Manager, Mr. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Warren Byrd - Assistant Operations & Maintenance Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Mr. Rich Brontoli, Ms. Robin Cosenza, Mr. Robert Breedlove, Ms. Liz McCain, Mr. Neil Martin, Mr. Blake Cooper

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, 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 Crutchfield, the minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

5. **TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, including the Reliant Investment Management Report, & Fund Balance Report for the month of March, 2016 were unanimously approved. It was so noted that the Reliant Investment Management Report will be a part of the monthly investment reports for Commission approval at all future monthly Commission meetings.

6. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

a) **Contracts**

**Consideration of Approval of Office Foundation Repair Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved acceptance of the proposal from Power Lift Foundations of Shreveport, Louisiana for \$14,175 for repairs to the foundation of the Commission Headquarters office building.

**Consideration of Approval of Dredge/Marine Equipment Contractor Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved award of the Dredge/Marine Equipment Contract to Blount Brothers Construction for a term of three years.

**Consideration of Amendment No. 1/Contract RRW-690/GCR** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No. 1, of Contract RRW-690/GCR, with the requirement to include language for "any 2016 declared disaster".

**Consideration of Approval of Utility Vehicle Proposals** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the purchase of a Kawasaki Mule KAF820 for \$11,103.50 from Loewer Powersports.

**Consideration of Disaster Supplemental Agreement Language** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the supplemental language to be added to existing General Maintenance Contracts as necessary during a disaster declaration period.

**Consideration of Approval of Helicopter Services Contract** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved the award of Helicopter Services Contracts to Blount Brothers Construction and Cenla Helicopters for rates as submitted in their respective proposals.

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreement/St. Maurice Asphalt Rehab** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with Winn Parish Police Jury relative to the St. Maurice Recreation Area Asphalt Rehabilitation Project.

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreement/Natchitoches Recreation Area-Hampton Road** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with Natchitoches Parish for the asphalt paving of Hampton Road from its intersection with LA Highway 494 to the entrance of the RRWC Natchitoches Recreation Area (approximately 3.2 miles) and approved the associated budget amendment of \$1,350,000.

**Consideration of Dredging Contract and Authority to Initiate Dredging Services** - No action required.

**Consideration of Proposal for Bank Stabilization Repairs/Lock & Dam No. 2** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved acceptance of the proposal from Merrick Construction in the amount of \$34,630 and approved an associated budget amendment

to the Construction Fund 01 in the amount of \$40,000.

**Consideration of Proposals to Repair Asphalt Road Base Failure/Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved acceptance of the proposal from Progressive Construction for repair of a 60 foot by 10 foot section of the asphalt road base at the Ft. Buhlow Recreation Area due to road base failure during high water at a cost of \$75.67 per square yard of material.

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

**Consideration of Award of Bid Lease/Powhatan Realignment/Tract 2** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved award of a bid lease of 281 acres at Powhatan Realignment, Tract 2, to Alfred Bruning, for \$22,480 for a five year term, which is \$16.00 per acre per year.

**Consideration of Award of Bid Lease/St. Maurice Realignment/Tract 4** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the award of a bid lease of 151.5 acres at St. Maurice Realignment, Tract 4, to Mr. Royce McManus, dba McManus Farms, for \$12,120 for a five year term, which is \$16.00 per acre per year.

**Consideration of Approval of Leaseback Agreement/Pool 4, Tract 1** - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved award of a leaseback of 44 acres at Pool 4, Tract 1, to Mr. Ronald Wicker for \$1,540 for a five year term at the approved price of \$7.00 per acre.

**Consideration of Approval of CEA with RRABB Levee Board for Dirt Removal** - By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission approved the CEA with the RRABB Levee Board for dirt removal from 45 acres of foreshore area at the Saline Revetment and from a 77.8 acre dredge disposal area at Haden Ft. DeRussey for use in levee improvements. Commissioner Sayes recused himself from voting on this matter.

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 94,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of March, 2016. Mr. Boydston also reported the following:

- ▶ The Ft. Buhlow/Boyce Asphalt project is nearing completion with the exception of the Ft. Buhlow Trails portion.
- ▶ The Natchitoches Recreation Area is experiencing some bank failures. Staff continues to monitor that situation.
- ▶ Boat ramps on the Red River are being closed again due to high river conditions.

**d) Ports**

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreement/Red River Parish Port** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved a Cooperative Agreement with the Red River Parish Port, which includes a Ports Priority Program submission option and approved the associated \$4 million budget amendment for the purchase of a material handler and the construction of an additional dock.

**Consideration of Funding Request/CLRP/Economic Adjustment Grant** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the funding request from the Central Louisiana Regional Port in Alexandria, Louisiana, in the amount of \$615,000 to be used as a funding match from the Economic Development Administration for a 15,000 square foot expansion of the existing transit warehouse, two 20-ton cranes spanning the warehouse, ½ mile of overlay of existing and new roadways, and the acquisition of property to locate a transit staging area.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

**Marketing Update** - No report.

**f) Personnel** - No report

**g) Revenue, Banking & Budget** - No report

**h) Legislative** - The Commission is currently monitoring the progress of House Bill 853.

7. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Kenneth P. Guidry reported that Mr. Warren Byrd has tenured his resignation, effective the end of April, 2016.
8. **STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief status report of active projects.
9. **GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT** - No report
10. **CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report.
11. **RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION** - Mr. Rich Brontoli gave a report on various river condition issues and lock open/closure situations.
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 Fletcher, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

  
JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER

  
MURPHY J. LEDOUX, JR.  
CHAIR DESIGNEE