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**MINUTES  
OF THE  
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING  
MAY 18, 2016  
10:00 AM  
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS  
NATCHITOCHEES, 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 Doug Brown, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, Commissioner Paul Fleming

**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. Ryan Ingles - Staff Engineer, Mr. Eric Gilmore - Marketing Director, Mr. Greg Upton - Legal Counsel.

**Others Present:** Robin Cosenza, Jessica Broadway, Robert Breedlove, Neil Martin

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, and unanimously approved, the agenda was revised to delete Consideration of a Land Lease Extension for Lock & Dam 2, Tract C. Comments from the public were called for, however, none were offered. By motion of Commissioner Owens, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the revised agenda was unanimously approved.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

By motion of Commissioner Hodges, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the minutes of the April 20, 2016 meeting were unanimously approved.

**5. TREASURER'S REPORT**

By motion of Commissioner Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Expenditures, Financial Statements, Investment Reports, & Fund Balance Report for the month of April, 2016 were unanimously approved.

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**a) Contracts**

**Consideration of Funding Agreement/GOHSEP/2016 Flood/DR-4263** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously approved the Funding Agreement with GOHSEP regarding the 2016 Flood DR-4263, as presented. Further, staff was authorized to process and execute all subsequent documents relative to the 2016 Flood Event, without bringing them back to the commission for further approval.

**Consideration of Approval of Proposal to Repair/Stabilize Embankment/Natchitoches Recreation Area** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously accepted and approved the following:

- Proposal presented by Progressive Construction Company for \$34,400 to repair/stabilize the embankment at the Natchitoches Recreation Area, eroded during the March, 2016 flood event.
- Take necessary measures to ensure a smooth transition from the Commission owned property to the adjoining property so as to prevent further erosion to Commission owned property.
- Amend the budget to include up to \$40,000 to address this matter.

**Consideration of Approval of Amendment No. 2/Contract RRW-657/Progressive Construction** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Maxey, the Commission unanimously rejected Amendment No. 2 for Contract No. RRW-657 with Progressive Construction and requested that Progressive resubmit their proposal as an all-inclusive mobilization cost as opposed to an itemized list.

**Consideration of Approval of Cooperative Agreement with LSU Agriculture Center/Use of Aquatic Research Center** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the LSU Agriculture Center for use of a portion of the grounds at the RRWC Aquatic Research Center to install up to 24 tanks for their Giant Salvinia Weevil research project.

**Consideration of Change Order No. 9/Grand Ecore RV Park/Roadway Sections Changes/Contract Time** - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved Change Order No. 9/Grand Ecore Rv Park for changes in roadway sections at an increase of \$67,798.16 and an increase of 62 days for adverse weather, moving the anticipated completion date to December 13, 2016.

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

**c) Recreation**

**Recreation Area Status Report** - Mr. Mike Boydston highlighted the prepared report provided in the meeting packet, noting that there had been 117,000 visitors to the District recreation areas during the month of April, 2016. Mr. Mike Boydston also reported the following:

- Staff is beginning the clean-up process as a result of the March, 2016 Flood Event, as the river falls.
- There has been some increase vandalism issues, particularly at the Poland Recreation Area, involving off-road vehicular activity creating ruts in the grounds.
- Bank erosion conditions at the Ben Routh Recreation Area, on the riverside of the playground, as a result of the March, 2016 Flood Event.

**d) Ports**

**Consideration of Cooperative Agreement/CLRP/Economic Adjustment Grant** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the Cooperative Agreement with the Central Louisiana Regional Port for \$615,000 in matching funds for an Economic Adjustment Grant and approved a corresponding Budget Amendment for \$615,000.

**Consideration of Amendment No. 1/Red River Parish Port/Material Handler & Dock Project** - By motion of Commissioner Jones, seconded by Commissioner Simpson, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment/Addendum No. 1 to the Cooperative Agreement with the Red River Parish Port for the Materials Handler & Dock Project.

**e) Public Awareness & Marketing**

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

Mr. Ken Guidry took this opportunity to introduce Mr. Eric Gilmore as the recently hired Marketing Director of the Red River Waterway Commission.

**f) Personnel** - No report.

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

**h) Legislative** - Mr. Ken Guidry reported that House Bill 853 is still pending Senate Action and Senate Bill 240 is still pending committee action.

**7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT** - Mr. Ken Guidry took this opportunity to remind the Commissioners of the up-coming "State of the Red River/J. Bennett Johnston Waterway" by Col. John Cross, Commander of the U. S. Army, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg District scheduled as follows:

May 24, 2016	6:00 PM	Port of Caddo-Bossier in Shreveport, Louisiana
May 25, 2016	10:00 AM	Natchitoches Art Center, Natchitoches, Louisiana
May 25, 2016	2:00 PM	Country Inn & Suites Conventions Center, Pineville, Louisiana

**8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT** - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets.

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

**10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT** - No report

**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 Simpson, seconded by Commissioner Owens, and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned.

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JAMES F. MAXEY  
SECRETARY/TREASURER  
DESIGNEE

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MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.  
CHAIR