

MINUTES
OF THE
RED RIVER WATERWAY COMMISSION MEETING
JUNE 15, 2016
10:00 AM
COMMISSION HEADQUARTERS
NATCHITOCHEs, 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 David L. Crutchfield, II, 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 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: Katy Breaux, Jessica Broadway, Robin Cosenza

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, 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 May 18, 2016 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 May, 2016 were unanimously approved.

6. COMMITTEE REPORTS

a) Contracts

Consideration of Approval of Amendment #2/Contract RRW-707/Marine Services Contract - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Fletcher, the Commission unanimously approved Amendment No 2 to Contract RRW-707 for Marine Services to include the use of a slurry box for dredging services.

Consideration of Supplemental Agreement #1/Contract RRW-616/Dredging Services - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, the Commission unanimously approved Supplemental Agreement No. 1 to Contract RRW-616 with Pine Bluff Sand & Gravel for Dredging-Other Areas with authorization to initiate dredging activities immediately and amend the budget from \$500,000 to \$3 million for that contract.

Consideration of Authority to Advertise/Teague Trails Extension South Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Brown, and unanimously approved, staff was authorized to advertise for bids for the Teague Trails Extension South project.

Consideration of Authority to Advertise and Increase AFC/St. Maurice Asphalt Rehabilitation Project - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Jones and unanimously approved, the staff was authorized to advertise for the St. Maurice Asphalt Rehabilitation project and to increase the AFC by \$20,000, and increase the budget from \$250,000 to \$270,000.

b) Land Management, Legal Affairs & Affirmative Action

Consideration of Request for Land Lease Extension/Lock & Dam 2/Tract C - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Hodges, the Commission unanimously approved the request for an additional five-year term on the lease of Lock & Dam 2, Tract C to Steve Broussard and Charles Bob Stevens with a 10% increase in the cost of the lease, as per the terms of the lease agreement, resulting in \$33.27 per acre on the 132.6 acres for a total of \$22,055 for the five year term.

Consideration of Revision of Leaseback Agreement/Pool 3, Tract 75 - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Crutchfield, the Commission unanimously approved the revision of the Leaseback Agreement for Pool 3, Tract 75 to Roger Byone, reducing the acreage from 23.3 to 10.5 to account for the sale of 12.6 acres of surplus property to Mr. Byone. This action revises the lease payment amount to \$112.50 per year for a total of \$562.50 for the five year term.

Consideration of Request for Leaseback/Saline Revetment, Tracts 7A & 8A - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Prestridge, the Commission unanimously approved the Leaseback request of 40 acres at Saline Revetment, Tracts 7A & 8A, to Dupuy Land Company, "subject to the Dirt Removal CEA with RRABB Levee District", for \$360 annually for a total of \$1,800 for a five year term.

Consideration of Dredging Priorities - By motion of Commissioner Sayes, seconded by Commissioner Jones, the Commission unanimously approved a budget amendment increase of \$500,000 for oxbow dredging of necessary locations including areas which normally fall under the responsibilities of the USACE, but may not be addressed due to current budget constraints, and, therefore, will need to be addressed by the

RRWC in an effort to maintain recreational activities in those areas.

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 May, 2016. Mike Boydston also reported on the following issues:

- Staff continues to address siltation removal and clean-up issues as they are able to do so with the current high river levels.
- The Ft. Buhlow Access Road Rehabilitation project is currently delayed due to weather conditions.
- All District boat ramps on Red River are currently closed due to high river levels.
- The comfort station rehabilitation projects at various sites are 75% complete.
- Commendation to Ms. Allie Cozad on efforts with the Giant Salvinia Weevil project.

Commissioner David Jones took this opportunity to address issues regarding certain recreation areas where citizens are finding ways to circumvent the closed status of District boat ramps and going around those closure gates to access the river. Mr. Boydston responded that staff would be looking into ways to more securely cut-off access to the ramps by the public during high river stages.

d) Ports - No report.

e) Public Awareness & Marketing

Marketing Update - A prepared report was provided in the meeting packet. Mr. Eric Gilmore reported on the following issues:

- Mr. Gilmore has been meeting with the District Port Directors, to introduce himself as the new RRWC Marketing Director and to discuss their activities and up-coming needs for the ports.
- Red River Parish Port has submitted a Ports Priority Program application for their dock project.
- Ternium will have its first shipment in four years of steel coil coming to the Caddo-Bossier Port.
- The Shreveport-Bossier Sports Commission is hosting events at Louisiana Outdoor Writers Association (LOWA) Convention in August, 2016.

f) Personnel - No report.

g) Revenue, Banking & Budget

Approval of 2015 Audit Report - By motion of Commissioner Crutchfield, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved the 2015 Audit Report provided by Carr, Riggs & Ingram, CPA's.

h) Legislative - Mr. Murphy LeDoux reported on the following:

- **HB-853** **PASSED**: Changes the Composition of the Avoyelles Parish Port Commission and provides for additional authority of the Commission.
- **HB-1009** **PASSED**: Requires certain entities to provide a secure electronic interactive system for submission of competitive sealed bids and proposals from an alternative bidding option.
- **SB 22** **PASSED**: Changes the chair of the Multi-modal Commerce Advisory Commission to the Commissioner of multi-modal commerce.
- **SB-415** **FAILED**: Creates Lake Bisteneau Recreation and Water Conservation District.

7. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Consideration of Approval of Out-of-State Travel/Playground Safety School - By motion of Commissioner Prestridge, seconded by Commissioner Owens, the Commission unanimously approved registration and travel expenses for Mr. Louis DeWitt Daigre to attend a Playground Safety Re-certification School, September 19-21, 2016 in Griffin, Georgia.

8. STATUS OF RIGHTS-OF-WAY/ENGINEERING REPORT - Prepared reports were provided in the meeting packets. Mr. Colin Brown gave a brief status update of active projects.

9. GENERAL COUNSEL REPORT - No report.

10. CORPS OF ENGINEERS REPORT - Ms. Katy Breaux gave a brief update on Corp activities.

11. RED RIVER VALLEY ASSOCIATION - A prepared report was provided.

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

JAMES F. MAXEY
SECRETARY/TREASURER
DESIGNEE

MURPHY J. LeDOUX, JR.
CHAIR